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## NATO strikes loom in Kosovo

By news agencies

The prospect of NATO air strikes moved ominously closer yesterday as US envoy Richard Holbrooke warned Yugoslav President Slobodan Milosevic that he has not met UN demands for a peaceful solution to the crisis in the embattled Kosovo province.

Holbrooke was to meet Milosevic for the second time last night after visiting Kosovo, where the Yugoslav forces are battling ethnic Albanian rebels seeking independence.

Holbrooke said that Serbian security forces still maintain a strong presence in Kosovo, despite UN demands for them to withdraw from areas of conflict and allow political settlement.

"US diplomatic observers are doing a terrific job bringing us information, and the information they're bringing is not good," Holbrooke told reporters.

In Jerusalem, State Department spokesman James Rubin said that the US believes NATO is moving towards authorizing military action to stop the violence in Kosovo, although it is unclear when that decision might be made.

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# Albright: Time for 'tough choices'



Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu greets Secretary of State Madeleine Albright in Jerusalem yesterday.

(Brian Henders)

By DANNA HARMAN

US Secretary of State Madeleine Albright, shuttling between the Palestinians and Israelis yesterday, warned that the sides need to make some "tough choices" and not miss the opportunity to reach an agreement now.

Both Israelis and Palestinians were downplaying the three-way meeting scheduled for this morning.

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ing among Albright, Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu, and Palestinian Authority Chairman Yasser Arafat. Many issues remain unresolved, among them interim-agreement matters, the third redeployment, unilateral actions, and, perhaps most importantly, security.

"There really is a unique opportunity to reach an agreement," Albright said, after her first meeting with Netanyahu in the afternoon. "...[but] I think we all know time is not on our side and if we don't move quickly we may find ourselves without... an agreement."

State Department spokesman James Rubin stressed the idea that the "mood is right," and that the "right sort of climate is being created" for an agreement, but

would not predict the outcome of either Albright's visit or the upcoming Washington summit due to be held later this month.

"Whether the right atmosphere, the right mood, and the good-will she [Albright] experienced today is enough to begin to make some concrete agreements on the various pieces we have to put together... [is another question]," he said.

While a Palestinian commitment to fighting terrorism categorically is a key component of the agreement, he added, there are "dozens of issues in each category" that still need to be resolved.

He said America is looking for both sides to make compromises, and hoping that the visit would set the stage for the next round in Washington. The summit will be a success only if the sides are ready for hard work, he said.

In her meeting with Netanyahu and the security cabinet - Industry and Trade Minister Natan Sharansky, National Infrastructure Minister Ariel Sharon, and Defense Minister Yitzhak Mordechai - the US got a real commitment from the Palestinian side on the security demands before moving forward was stressed.

"We have to be careful, so the terror organizations don't keep right on working from the bunkers after we withdraw," said Mordechai.

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## Dollar breaks NIS 4 barrier

By DAN GERSTENFELD

The dollar yesterday rose above NIS 4 for the first time, amid stormy trading on the money markets. The shekel depreciated 2.04 percent against the dollar, with the representative rate set at a new high of NIS 4.011.

The central bank set the representative rate yesterday at noon because of the holiday, but the shekel continued to depreciate in inter-bank trading later in the day. Dealers said the dollar reached some NIS 4.08 in late trading.

Dealers added that activity was relatively low, although it was

higher than usual during the holiday period.

"There was very little activity by private clients today and most of the volume was in inter-bank

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trading," said Bank Leumi dealing room head Haim Formowitz. "Because of the low liquidity, the fluctuations were stronger."

He added that the main reason for the shekel's decline was the rise of the dollar abroad, saying that there is no evidence that the

depreciation of the shekel was an outcome of a massive flight of foreign investors from the Tel Aviv Stock Exchange.

Formowitz said that it is difficult to predict where the shekel is going and that the market is expected to be volatile in coming days.

Against the basket of major currencies, the shekel lost 1.85%. The representative rate for the basket was fixed at NIS 4.392.

The TASE also closed lower following the decline of world markets during the long Succot weekend. The Tel Aviv 100 index fell 2.7% to 263.21, while the Maof 25 index lost 2.43% to 266.84.

## An improper relationship

The question being bandied around today - why is the shekel suddenly falling rapidly against the dollar - begs two short answers and, perhaps, some explanatory notes.

Firstly: Why not? Why should there be massive turbulence in every country and financial market around the world, but not in Israel? Why should currencies in every country be subjected to intense scrutiny by investors and speculators, but the shekel be immune?

Secondly, the reason why the price of anything goes down in any market is that there are more sellers than buyers. This may sound trite, but it is not only true, it is also extremely important.

Combining the two answers provides most of the information we need.

What is lacking can be added quite easily, since all the key facts are public knowledge.

The world financial crisis, far from improving, is getting steadily worse and is rapidly evolving into a global recession. At this stage, though, it is the financial markets that are the main focus, with sharp movements in currency, equity, and bond prices highlighting the fact that something is very amiss.

The dominant development of recent months is the massive change in what economists term "the taste for risk" on the part of

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the global investment community. In simple terms, this means that the unrestrained greed that marked the last stages of the great bull market has been replaced by a rapidly-growing sense of fear, verging on panic. The result is the tendency to sell assets and asset classes characterized by higher risk, in favor of assets with little or no perceived risk.

How does this global sea-change impact on Israel? In the opinion of the prime minister and finance minister, Israel is "an island of stability" in the storm-tossed global ocean. The happy status of "this scepter'd isle... this seat of Mars, this other Eden" has been achieved by the wise and effective economic policies pursued by the current government, say these leaders.

Indeed, so rock-solid is the economy, that the budget proposal formulated in July, i.e. prior to the collapse of Russia and the slump in world markets, can be presented to the Knesset unchanged after the long summer recess. The Treasury forecast of 2.5 percent growth in the economy for 1999 remains as valid today as three months ago - even though every other country in the world is being forced to reduce its forecast for next year.

This mantra of Israeli stability, repeated relentlessly at home and abroad, becomes increasingly famous with every passing day, because it is patently implausible.

The Israeli economy lives through foreign trade: If world trade and growth are going to shrink, we cannot be unaffected. Indeed, our exports are already declining.

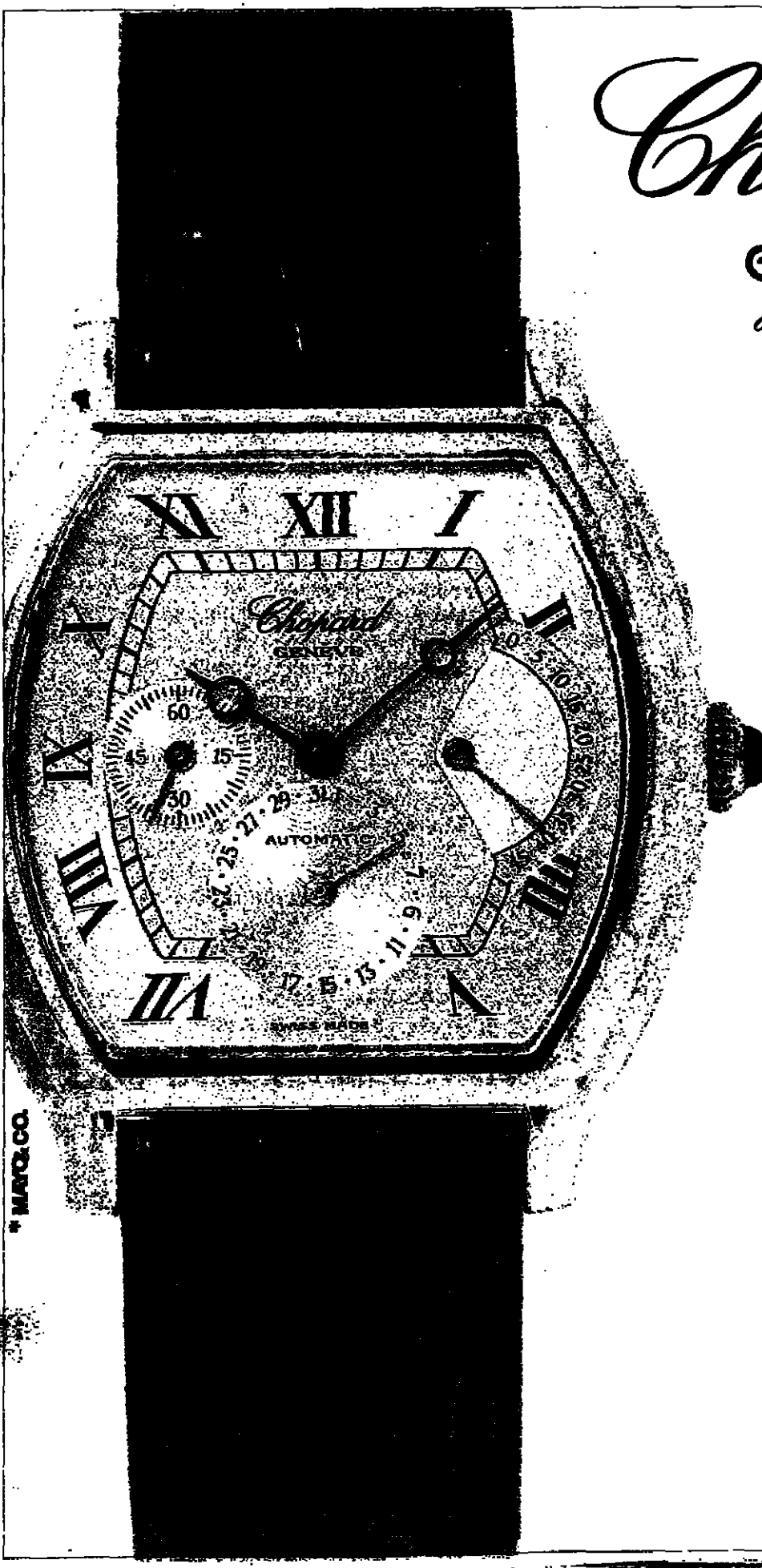
Worse, the series of devaluations around the world - including that of the US dollar, which has fallen by over 10 percent against European currencies in recent weeks - means that any currency which holds firm is making the economy using it less competitive internationally.

Israeli companies have thus become less competitive, in markets that are shrinking and that are subject to unprecedentedly fierce competition. At the same time, foreign financial institutions are being forced to reduce their exposure everywhere - including Israel.

Finally, Israeli corporations have borrowed heavily in foreign currencies, notably the yen and the Swiss franc, which are now strengthening rapidly in international markets - while shekel interest rates have been substantially reduced. Each of these three factors favors selling the shekel because, to use the currently-popular phrase, it has an improper relationship with the basket of foreign currencies through which its external value is measured.

All this, though, is preliminary stuff. If (when?) the "money mountain" - comprising over NIS 150 billion held on short-term deposit - begins to move, then a rate of NIS 4/51 will be sweet nostalgia.

The writer, a financial analyst and consultant, is CEO, Euro Strategies.



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## Faithful plan to lay 'Temple cornerstone'

The Temple Mount Faithful group plans to place a four-and-a-half-ton "Temple cornerstone" on the Temple Mount in Jerusalem's Old City this morning. A procession comprised of a *cohen*, dressed in traditional garb, and Levites, playing instruments, will accompany the stone and other Temple instruments to the mount, which Muslims revere as the site of the Aksha mosque.

Amy Klein

## Pro Israel group warns Sharon

The Pro Israel group yesterday criticized National Infrastructure Minister Ariel Sharon for allegedly making a deal with Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu to support a further pullback from the West Bank in exchange for the position of foreign minister.

The group said in a statement that Netanyahu is apparently going ahead with a 13 percent redeployment only because he has Sharon's tacit support, but warned that settlers, the Land of Israel Front, and others in the "national camp" will not go along with the withdrawal because Sharon does.

Jerusalem Post Staff

## Two killed in truck collision

Two people were killed and three hurt, one seriously, in a collision near the Elah junction between a garbage truck and a truck carrying a full load of gravel.

According to police, the garbage truck was speeding down an incline, and the driver lost control and flipped over into the path of the oncoming gravel truck.

Sadik Assa, 23, and Haili Assi, 39, were killed and Bassam Assi, 30, was seriously injured. All three, residents of Beit Lakiya, were riding in the garbage truck.

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## Arafat determined to keep up talks

But PA leader gives no indication of progress after meeting Albright

By MOHAMMED NAJIB  
and news agencies

Palestinian Authority Chairman Yasser Arafat emerged from two hours of talks yesterday with US Secretary of State Madeleine Albright without indicating progress on a West Bank deal. But he said he is determined to keep up the fast-paced diplomacy.

"The peace is not only a Palestinian need, but an Israeli and international need, and we have to continue this way to protect our children and theirs," said Arafat during a joint press conference in Jericho.

He was joined in the talks by Oslo Agreement architect Ahmed Qurei, chief negotiator Saeb Erekat, Nabil Shaath, Minister of Planning and International Cooperation and Hassan Asfour, a PA minister.

Albright said there was still "much work to do" to enable the holding of a three-way summit later this month among Arafat, President Bill Clinton and Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu.

Arafat thanked Albright and Clinton for their efforts to advance the peace process "especially through the US proposals

which we have agreed to since the beginning." The proposals refer to a 13 percent Israeli pullback in the West Bank.

Albright said that "our challenge is to move forward and actually conclude the details of an agreement. At the same time, we recognize there are tough choices to be made by each side, especially as we approach the Washington summit."

In a related matter, Erekat said the government's plans to build permanent housing for settlers at Tel Rumeida in Hebron would be extremely dangerous for peace negotiations.

Netanyahu headed for a meeting to discuss the plans after meeting with the secretary of state yesterday. They were formulated after last month's killing of Rabbi Shlomo Raanan by a Palestinian assailant who entered the settler outpost.

"If Netanyahu wants peace he should understand that peace and settlements are parallel lines that do not meet," Erekat said.

"Such decisions will kill the peace process," added Erekat. "This is very, very dangerous and we urge Mr. Netanyahu to revoke this decision for the sake of reviving the peace process."



Palestinian chief negotiator Saeb Erekat translates yesterday for Palestinian Authority Chairman Yasser Arafat during a joint press conference in Jericho after talks with US Secretary of State Madeleine Albright (Kevin Unger)

## Inquiry continues into Lebanon attack

By DAVID RUDGE

The IDF is continuing its inquiry into the Hizbullah roadside bomb attack deep in the security zone on Monday, in which two soldiers were killed and six others wounded.

According to security sources, it is believed that the squad responsible for the bombing in the Druse village of Hatzbiyeh came from outside the zone.

Some analysts believe that Hizbullah may have deliberately chosen the site, which is normally considered relatively safe, to sow suspicion and disrupt the relations between the IDF and local residents.

Nevertheless, the possibility that the perpetrators may have received assistance from some residents of the zone is being checked.

A more pressing problem facing the Northern Command, however, is how to deal with the threat posed by Hizbullah's roadside bombs in general and in particular the hollow charge that was used in Sunday's attack.

The hollow-charge device is designed to penetrate armor and then explode, which is apparently what happened to the protected

jeep in which the soldiers who were killed were travelling.

The IDF has invested a great deal of resources in beefing up the armor and other forms of protection for outposts in the security zone and the vehicles used there. The armor on the lighter vehicles, including the three jeeps and the "Abir" command car that were in the convoy that was hit on Monday, does not offer complete protection against hollow-charge devices.

Nevertheless, OC Northern Command Maj-Gen. Gabi Ashkenazi noted that the protective armor and the troops' adherence to regulations had prevented even more serious casualties.

Another problem appears to be with Hizbullah's intelligence-gathering. The attack on Monday indicated that the organization was aware of the IDF's movements and planned the devices accordingly. It seems likely the devices were detonated by remote control.

Hizbullah yesterday issued a videotape which it claimed showed the attack on the four-vehicle convoy, with one device exploding alongside the second jeep and another a short while later, near the command car that was bringing up the rear.



St-Sgt. Zohar Doron

One of the soldiers killed in the attack, St-Sgt. Zohar Doron, 21, of Kibbutz Lahav, in the South, was laid to rest in the kibbutz cemetery.

The other soldier killed, St-Sgt. Magen Friedman, 24, of Moshav Nir Etzion, on Mt. Carmel, is to be buried at the moshav at 3 this afternoon.

Friedman had pressed hard to become a fighter and a few months ago graduated with flying colors from a paratroop training course, despite having a relatively low physical profile which had originally prevented him from being accepted into a combat unit.

Two of those wounded in the attack have been released. Another two, both suffering from light wounds, are still detained in Safed's Rebecca Sieff Hospital and two more in Rambam Hospital in Haifa.

President Ezer Weizman yesterday



St-Sgt. Magen Friedman

day visited the two hospitals and spoke with the wounded soldiers.

One of them told Weizman that they had been taken in a Red Cross ambulance from the village to Marjayoun, where they had been treated and then taken to the border and evacuated to the hospitals by helicopter.

It happened inside Hatzbiyeh, something we had not anticipated because we had been told it was friendly [there]. But there is a war there as well," he told the president.

"I just hope that it will be able to return and go back up [to south Lebanon] with my unit and continue to be with them," he said.

Fighting continued in the security zone yesterday with a number of long-range mortar attacks, primarily against South Lebanese Army positions in the zone. There were no reports of any casualties and IDF gunners returned fire.

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By DAVID RUDGE

actually takes place.

As far as the Israelis are concerned - and to a certain extent the Americans as well - the main question is will Arafat accept the security working paper.

The Palestinians don't see it this way. They believe they have somehow been slightly duped by the Americans. They agreed to the 13 percent withdrawal despite its being way below their original expectations, and signed an agreement with the IDF Planning Branch on a security memorandum of understanding (MOU) in December. How is it, they wonder, that Netanyahu - who never accepted the original US proposal and who reneged on the MOU, saying those who agreed to it were not authorized to do so - is now being lauded as "helpful?"

If the Palestinians understand Israel's security needs - as they claim they do - why don't they accept the working paper? One response is that while Netanyahu feels confident he can take the political risk involved in a 13 percent withdrawal, Arafat obviously does not feel as sure about his own political strength.

There are some 50 sections in the working paper which specifically outline the variety of measures to be taken. Arafat is evidently not sure the Palestinian street will stand for this - especially at a time of increased frustrations, decreased good will, and a strengthened Hamas.

As is the case in many movies, you can't predict the ending from the middle. While the Palestinians and Israelis continue trying to lower expectations, Albright looks all the more determined to push matters forward, and President Bill Clinton is busy clearing his schedule for the upcoming summit.

## SOCIAL &amp; PERSONAL

THE WEEKLY MEETING of the English-speaking Jerusalem Rotary Club will not take place today at 1:00 p.m. at the YMCA, King David Street. Hag Sameach to all!

The Americans have very little to lose in this. If Clinton was once worried that failure would be an embarrassment to him, he now has other things to be embarrassed about and can only benefit from distracting the American public's attention.

Neither the Palestinians nor the Israelis, in turn, want to be seen as the ones holding back progress - and so did not refuse the invitation to hold a trilateral meeting today, and, more importantly, will not pass up the invitation to Washington.

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Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak (in car, left) and Defense Minister Mohammed Hussein Tantawi yesterday review a military parade during 6th of October celebrations at a military base east of Cairo.

## Egypt marks anniversary of Yom Kippur War

CAIRO (AP) - Egypt yesterday marked the 25th anniversary of its last war against Israel with a military parade reviewed by President Hosni Mubarak, who called the war a victory for peace.

The parade, conducted at an army camp near the Suez Canal town of Ismailia, was the first on the anniversary since the 1981 assassination of President Anwar Sadat by Moslem radicals during a similar show of strength.

In yesterday's ceremony, shown on national television, Mubarak was driven past a forest of rocket launchers, thousands of tanks, armored vehicles and artillery pieces, and naval assault boats looking incongruous on the desert sands.

Before attending the parade Mubarak told Egyptian television that the 1973 war was "a lightning point in Egypt's modern military history."

"It was a war that opened the road for peace," he said on the program *Good Morning Egypt*.

But Mubarak warned against what he called Israel's growing arsenal, saying it constitutes "a threat to the security of the region."

In Syria, the occasion was marked by Syrian war planes flying in formation low over the capital Damascus.

Suleiman Qaddah, an official in the ruling Baath party, told a rally that Syria will go on with its efforts to liberate the Golan Heights, which were captured by Israel in the 1967 Six Day war.

# Turkey issues 'last warning' to Syria

Mubarak travels to Ankara, Damascus to mediate

ANKARA (Reuters) - Turkey issued a "last warning" to Syria yesterday over what it calls Damascus's backing of Kurdish separatist rebels and cancelled all leave for troops guarding the two countries' frontier.

The warning came shortly before Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak arrived in Ankara to tackle a dispute that could have serious implications for the whole Middle East.

"We are warning Syria for the last time," Prime Minister Mesut Yilmaz told a meeting of his party deputies.

"We want them to stop their support for separatist terrorism and stop their policies of hostility. We are waiting for a reply from Syria," he said.

Yilmaz did not suggest what action Ankara might take if it received no satisfactory reply from Damascus.

The Turkish stock market plunged nine percent on Monday amid fears over an escalation of the Syrian dispute adding to the turmoil afflicting emerging markets in general. But yesterday the market held steady.

Turkey accuses Syria of giving logistical support to the Kurdistan Workers Party (PKK), which has been fighting a campaign for Kurdish self-rule in southeast Turkey for the last 14 years. Some

29,000 people have been killed in the conflict.

"We heard Turkey's views on the situation. President Mubarak is here for negotiating between the two sides," Egyptian Foreign Minister Amr Moussa said after talks with Turkish President Suleyman Demirel.

Syria, which has had territorial claims against Turkey since the 1930s, denies any link with the PKK. Syria is also at odds with Turkey over sharing of water sources and Ankara's friendship with Israel.

Turkey believes it is close to defeating the PKK rebels on the battlefield and its troops have made frequent forays into northern Iraq to attack PKK strongholds there.

Western diplomats and Turkey say PKK chief Abdullah Ocalan is based in Damascus. Syria has repeatedly denied the charges.

Turkish security officials said thousands of soldiers and gendarmes police on the 877-km frontier had been ordered on Monday not to take leave.

Turkish newspapers voiced skepticism about the benefits of Mubarak's visit.

"Mubarak must take a clearer position against terror along the Ankara-Damascus axis," said *Milliyet* columnist Yalcin Dogan.

A commentator in the mass-circulation *Sabah* newspaper said Damascus must bow to Ankara or "pay the price."

"There is no middle way. Those who expect Turkey to step back are deluding themselves," commentator Hassan Cenal said.

*Sabah*, reflecting the hawkish tone of many newspapers over the last week, carried a picture of Syrian leader Hafez Assad with the headline "The Head of the Snake."

The long-running dispute flared up last week when Turkish officials warned of military action against Syria.

Mubarak, who held talks with the Syrian president in Damascus on Sunday, returned to the Syrian capital last night for another meeting.

The United States, disturbed about a potential clash, urged its NATO ally Turkey and Syria to exercise restraint.

"We have concerns about the possibility of this moving in a negative direction," said State Department spokesman James Rubin on arrival in Jerusalem with Secretary of State Madeleine Albright for talks on an Israeli redeployment in the West Bank.

Syria has called for Arab support on a level with that seen in the 1973 Yom Kippur War when Arabs united behind Syria and Egypt against Israel.

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The question of the Palestinian Covenant and the threat of a unilateral declaration of Palestinian statehood next May 4 were also raised as major concerns.

Meanwhile, Netanyahu's office announced that plans were approved to replace the mobile homes in Hebron's Tel Rumeida neighborhood with permanent structures - a move seen by many as provocative at this time.

Palestinian negotiator Saeb Erekat said such a decision would "kill the peace process."

Netanyahu later clarified that the mobile homes were just being reinforced so as to make them bulletproof.

"This is not construction," Netanyahu said. "We are not speaking of expanding the settlement to other areas."

Albright, who has called for a time-out on settlement activity, refused to comment specifically on the announcement, but did say that unilateral actions by any side only serve to complicate the process.

Following today's three-way meeting at the Erez checkpoint, Albright is hoping to meet again separately with Arafat, as she has already met twice with Netanyahu.

Albright will leave the region today, but both special envoy Dennis Ross and Assistant Secretary of State Martin Indyk will stay on to continue working with the sides.

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Rubin said the US would not be deterred by Russian opposition from using force if needed to halt Serb attacks in Kosovo.

He told reporters there was still a "strong possibility" that after talks in the Middle East today, US Secretary of State Madeleine Albright "would travel to Europe to deal with the Kosovo issue."

The venue for the meeting might be Brussels or some other European city, he said.

"A lot of it will depend on where other European allies are (on the issue) and what we think will be the best way to keep the pressure on decision-making in NATO, which is what we believe is the only possible motivating factor for getting Slobodan Milosevic to comply with [UN] Security Council requirements," Rubin said.

In Washington, the US government raised prospects that air strikes against Serbs might require a follow-up international ground force of peacekeepers in Kosovo. Defense Secretary William Cohen told Congress that US participation in such a force is "a possibility," but not one he favors.

President Bill Clinton warned that, unchecked, Serb violence in the province could lead to instability throughout the region.

"The stakes are high," Clinton said. "The time is now to end the violence in Kosovo."

Diplomatic activity intensified in an attempt to persuade Milosevic to comply with all terms of the UN resolution, designed to force him to end all hostilities against ethnic Albanians and to let some 250,000 refugees receive humanitarian aid and return to their homes.

Clinton also talked by phone with British Prime Minister Tony Blair, who was in China on an official visit. A day earlier, he talked with Russian President Boris Yeltsin and derided the steps Milosevic has taken in response to the security Council resolution.

In an apparent effort to head off NATO air strikes, Milosevic has ordered most of his Serb army units back to their barracks, withdrawn police units, and apparently ordered a halt to the burning of villages.

Cohen, testifying before the Senate Armed Services Committee, was asked if these concessions had lessened the chance of strikes.

"I don't believe so," Cohen said. "He cannot simply avoid NATO action by picking one or two items."

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# NRP: Pull back, and we'll pull out of gov't

By SARAH HONG

The National Religious Party continued to send stern warnings to Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu yesterday about what would await him if he were to strike a second redeployment deal with Yasser Arafat.

"He would have no government," snapped Transport Minister Shaul Yahalom, during a visit by his party's Knesset faction to the succa of the NRP's spiritual leader, former chief rabbi Avraham Shapira.

Shapira himself, for the first time, went so far as to point to a possible replacement for Netanyahu as the "national camp's" standard bearer - Jerusalem Mayor Ehud Olmert.

"Olmert might make a better candidate than Netanyahu if Netanyahu goes ahead and implements the pullback," he said.

No one disagreed with him until Olmert himself came to visit Shapira just a few minutes later. Olmert declared that, if reelected mayor, he will serve out his full five-year term and seek no other office.

Netanyahu, meanwhile, summoned NRP MK Zvi Hendel for a tete-a-tete following Hendel's statement that he is suspending his membership in the coalition because of the increasing likelihood of a second redeployment agreement, "and even perhaps a third redeployment, if the Americans and Arafat have their way."

"What seemed unthinkable to us - the 13% pullback - appears to be only an appetizer. We are now pressured to yield far more."

Despite the fact that Hendel threatens Netanyahu's very slim Knesset majority, he was happy with the meeting and came away saying that "we have a very good

premier indeed. He knows the issues down to their smallest details."

"I do not support replacing him, but all this depends strictly on what he does or does not do. His ability to remain in office depends on no one but himself."

Hendel reported that Netanyahu promised "in no uncertain terms that the very minute Arafat declares an independent Palestinian state, Israel will annex the territories remaining under its control."

"He also promised that there would be no agreement with Arafat if the PA does not unequivocally undertake to extradite the Arab murderers now walking free in its jurisdiction."

But Hendel stressed that "good as the meeting had been, I have no intention of returning to full coalition membership based on a single conversation. We will have to see where things will go from here."

The NRP's most dovish MK, faction chairman Shmaryahu Ben-Tzur, yesterday met with settler representatives and told them that "the minute Netanyahu signs the redeployment agreement, we will begin an intensive campaign to bring his government down."

Gesher MK Michael Kleiner, head of the Knesset's Land of Israel Front, urged Netanyahu to "reexamine his readiness to take political risks for a redeployment deal."

This risk would mean the rise to power of either Ehud Barak or Amnon Lipkin-Shahak and the creation of a Palestinian state with all the dangers that spells for Israel.

"Thus Netanyahu will not only be taking risks with his personal political future, but with the most basic security interests of this nation," Kleiner said.



On the lookout

Soldiers patrol Jerusalem's Ben-Yehuda pedestrian mall yesterday as the security alert continues.

(Brian Hendler)

## Security beefed up as thousands expected at the Wall

By MARGOT DUDKEVITCH

Stringent security measures are in place as thousands are expected at the Western Wall today for prayers, which are to include the mass *birkat kohanim* (priestly blessing), held every Hol Hamoed.

The closure imposed on the territories will continue until the end of the Succot holiday as the police, IDF and Border Police maintain a heavy presence in Jerusalem and other major cities, due to Hamas threats to carry out terror attacks in revenge for the deaths of Imad and Adel Awadallah.

Security sources said the latest threats have referred to the possible kidnapping of public figures. The public is asked to remain alert.

Towards noon yesterday, Palestinians threw stones and bot-

ties at border policemen at the A-Ram roadblock just north of Jerusalem.

Border policemen fired rubber bullets and tear gas to disperse the rioters, and several border policemen pursued rioters into the nearby Al-Azma school.

The IDF Spokesman said that as the border policemen entered the school compound someone locked the gates behind them, forcing the troops to fire shots in the air to disperse the rioters until assistance arrived.

The spokesman said none of the forces were hurt in the incident. Palestinian sources claim two Palestinians were wounded by rubber bullets.

The Council of Jewish Communities in Judea, Samaria and Gaza intensified their preparations to establish a lobby that will campaign in Washington if the

talks between US President Bill Clinton, PA Chairman Yasser Arafat and Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu take place after Succot.

The council is protesting the US's failure to force the Palestinians to uphold their end of the Oslo Accords.

The council has already set up two offices in the Washington area and has started scheduling appointments and meetings with congressmen and leaders of the Christian and Jewish communities in the US.

Council Spokeswoman Yehudit Tayar said that judging by the latest reports, council members were doubtful that the summit would take place because of new demands by the PA.

Meanwhile, Sigal Magidish, whose brother Uri was murdered in Gush Katif, and Yehudit Shabor,

whose son Ori was killed in Wadi Kelt by a terrorist, sought to meet with US Secretary of State Madeleine Albright yesterday.

Tayar said Albright had promised the two, when they met in Washington on January 1, to act on Israel's demand to extradite Palestinian terrorists.

"The US has failed to stand up to its guarantee," said Tayar.

Magidish and Shabor sent an urgent letter to the secretary of state yesterday to remind her of her promise.

Tonight Ariel, in Samaria, will be officially declared a city, in a ceremony to be attended by top government officials. It will be the second city in the territories, after Ma'aleh Adumim.

Ariel, which has some 15,000 residents, is also slated to receive final approval for the construction of 3,000 new apartments.

## Jerusalem will remain united, Olmert vows

By AMY KLEIN

Jerusalem will never be divided again, Mayor Ehud Olmert shouted to a packed auditorium of Christians last night at the Jerusalem International Convention Center, as part of the Feast of Tabernacles.

Some 5,000 Christians from over 100 countries have come here on the 19th Feast of Tabernacles, a week-long celebration sponsored by the International Christian Embassy in Jerusalem.

"These are not easy times," Olmert told the crowd. "When there is a danger to Jerusalem, we need the friends of Jerusalem to tell the world there is no way Jerusalem will ever be divided," Olmert said, in a speech punctuated by a number of standing ovations.

"I'm going to be waiting for you on Thursday [at the Jerusalem March] and I will tell the prime minister and the secretary of state, 'They are part of our power. They are part of our defense of Jerusalem,'" Olmert said.

Olmert spoke after a choir, orchestra, and dance ensemble gave a performance on a stage set decorated like the Old City walls, with a robed angel blowing a trumpet toward the heavens.

## Golan Heights Druse rally for Syria

By DAVID RUDGE

Hundreds of pro-Syrian Golan Heights Druse took part in a demonstration to mark the 25th anniversary of the Yom Kippur War in Majdal Shams yesterday.

The demonstrators, chanting slogans declaring that the Golan Heights belong to Syria, marched through the streets of Majdal Shams - the biggest of the four Druse communities on the Golan - to what is known as the shouting hill.

The shouting hill is where Druse on the Israeli side of the border are able to shout messages to their brethren on the Syrian side.

There was no gathering on the Syrian side of the border and the demonstrators returned from their short march to the main square of Majdal Shams where a rally was held.

Speakers at the rally also voiced their support for Syria in the present crisis with Turkey and accused Israel, through its ties with Turkey, of encouraging Ankara to attack Syria.

Supt. David Ben-Atiya, commander of the Golan police station, said about 400 people took part in the short protest. He said a number of Syrian flags were raised, but otherwise the incident passed quietly.

## PLC members want to close Jericho casino

By MOHAMMED NAJIB and MARGOT DUDKEVITCH

Palestinian Legislative Council members have called on Jericho prosecutor Ibrahim Amr to shut down the recently opened Oasis Casino and confiscate all funds. Palestinian sources said yesterday. According to the sources, three PLC members filed their request four days ago.

PLC member Hassan Khreisha said he believes the casino will become another new Israeli

nature reserve on the outskirts of Jericho.

"Many countries in the world have shut down or prevented casinos from opening, even Israel," said Khreisha, adding, "Everyone except us."

Khreisha said he had recently received complaints from the owners of the gas station near the casino who charged that the casino owners were attempting to take the station over.

He said he would continue his efforts to shut down the casino.

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**Welcoming guests**  
Jerusalem Mayor Ehud Olmert (center) welcomes guests to the municipal succa at the Tower of David yesterday. (Flash 90)

## Or Akiva man remanded in traffic policeman's killing

Victor Zargirian, 25, a building contractor from Or Akiva, who is suspected of running down and killing traffic policeman St-Sgt. Ariel Mori early Monday morning, was remanded for three days yesterday by the Netanya Magistrate's Court.

The incident occurred on the Coastal Highway, just north of the Netanya junction, when a car was

clocked going 126 kph in a 90-kph zone. Mori stepped into the road's right lane to flag down the car, which was traveling in the left lane. According to eyewitnesses, the car veered right in what seemed to be a deliberate attempt to run Mori down. Mori tried unsuccessfully to jump out of the car's way; he was hit and killed on the spot.

According to the police, Zargirian

was racing another car when the incident occurred. He then drove home and washed Mori's blood off the front of his car. He did not tell his parents what had happened.

According to Zargirian's lawyer, both Mori and his client tried to avoid the collision, but unfortunately they both swerved in the same direction.

Judge Khalab Kabub, in remand-

ing Zargirian, said his driving represented a danger to the public. He noted that he has been caught speeding before.

Maggie Zargirian told the court her son is not a murderer and that he would bear the pain of this tragedy for the rest of his life.

The three passengers in Zargirian's car were released on bail. (Iim)

## Following petition to High Court IDF delays demolishing Goldstein's grave

By BAT SHEVA TSUR and news agencies

A decision by the IDF to dismantle the memorial around the grave of Baruch Goldstein, who carried out the massacre at the Machpela Cave, was postponed yesterday after Goldstein's parents petitioned the High Court of Justice.

The IDF had announced it planned to dismantle the memorial yesterday morning.

At the same time, Meretz MK Ran Cohen petitioned the High Court asking that it order Defense Minister Yitzhak Mordechai to put into effect the law preventing the setting up of tombstones on the graves of terrorists and destroy the Goldstein memorial in Kiryat Arba.

The law, introduced by Cohen,

was passed by the Knesset on June 2, 1998. Cohen said he had asked Mordechai several times to act against the shrine which has sprung up around Goldstein's burial place, but that nothing had been done. He therefore felt obliged to turn to the court.

Naftali Wertzberger, who presented the petition on behalf of Miriam and Yisrael Goldstein, said that they had been informed on Succot eve by the army that they must remove everything around their son's grave or it would be destroyed within 48 hours.

"Everything around the grave - the paving, the lighting, the faucets, the book cabinets - was placed there with the permission of the IDF," Wertzberger claimed. He blamed "the fuss made by Ran Cohen" for the IDF's decision to

dismantle the memorial, which has become a shrine for extremist elements.

Wertzberger said yesterday that the engraving on the tombstone, which refers to Goldstein as "holy" and a "martyr" would be altered. The two words are to be removed.

Wertzberger said tampering with the grave site would incite angry reactions from Goldstein's supporters.

Cohen has meanwhile proposed an amendment to the law, which would have Goldstein's grave dismantled and the body transferred to a cemetery.

Goldstein, opened fire on Moslem worshippers at the Cave of the Patriarchs in Hebron in February 1994, killing 29 people before being bludgeoned to death by survivors.

## Large turnout expected for Jerusalem March

By Jerusalem Post Staff

The Jerusalem Municipality is expecting about 30,000 people to participate in tomorrow's Jerusalem March, according to municipal spokesman Hagai Elias.

This year's theme is the celebration of Israel's Jubilee and, in particular, "absorption and immigration of the communities of Israel during the 50 years," Elias said. Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu is expected to attend.

Fifteen floats representing different communities in Israel have

been assembled, Elias said. But because of the event's theme, "there was no place to include Arab [representation]" among the communities, he said.

In a bid to reduce congestion, Egged has agreed to offer free bus service on all routes within the city during the march.

The free rides will be available from 1 p.m. to 6:30 p.m., according to company spokesman Ron Ratner.

Last year, some 25,000 people from around the world participated in the event, to mark 30 years

since Israel declared the city unified under its rule. The largest group participating was the International Christian Embassy, which brought 5,000 Christians from around the world to take part in the march and other events marking the Feast of Tabernacles. The embassy has again organized a large contingent this year.

A 14 km. route for the march begins at Gilo Park and ends at Ben Hinnom Valley, while a shorter route extends from Ammunition Hill to Sultan's Pool. (Iim)

## Matza sets out rules for patient referrals

By JUDY SIEGEL

Health Minister Yehoshua Matza has finally set down rules for the four health funds about referring members to outside facilities instead of treating them within their own clinics or hospitals.

Health fund members have been complaining for months about their insurers' refusal to give them referral slips for treatment elsewhere - even to hospital outpatient clinics with special expertise who have been taking care of them for years.

In separate letters to the directors of Kupat Holim Clalit, Maccabi, Meuhedet, and Leumit,

Matza noted that the National Health Insurance Law refers to "the right of the insured to choose a provider of services" and the prohibition of health fund to discriminate among providers.

The health funds must act according to clear medical considerations in its referrals, he said.

While giving members completely free choice of providers would increase costs and prevent health funds from reaching money-saving agreements with doctors, clinics, and hospitals, limitations must not be used to reduce members' accessibility to providers, he said.

Matza laid down several rules to help the insurers observe these principles: When a patient must see a specialist, he must be allowed to get all services needed for his main illness in the medical center in which the specialist operates.

The health fund must ensure that the quality of treatment is not harmed by caring for the patient in its own facilities.

The insurer must minimize, as much as possible, the need for patients to go from one center to another for treatment. Limitations on choice are not relevant to urgent referrals to emergency rooms in the general hospitals,

Matza said.

Finally, health funds that own hospitals or other facilities must not discriminate against medical facilities they don't own, he said.

## Breast cancer conference lauds one-stop treatment centers

By JUDY SIEGEL

A major conference on breast cancer research and treatment, which met in Florence recently, urged the 78 participating countries to promote one-stop breast diagnosis and treatment centers to increase the chances of survival and reduce the emotional stress on women.

Israel Cancer Association director Miri Ziv, who was among the participants, reported back on the meetings and said that this interdisciplinary approach has already begun in Israel and that special nurses are being used to coordinate patients' treatment.

The one-stop technique exists in a handful of hospitals and at the Hala non-profit clinic in Jerusalem's Givat Shaul neighborhood.

The meeting reported that breast cancer is the main cause of death in Europe among women aged 35 to 64, and that the risk of any woman - including Israelis - to contract the disease during her lifetime is about one in 10.

Breast cancer is more common in Northern and Western Europe than in Southern Europe. The highest rate of the disease is in Holland and the lowest in Greece, while the highest mortality rate from the disease is in Britain.

The conference urged member nations to carry out more research into breast cancer and to speed the introduction of new techniques to hospitals. It was recommended that duplication of research in various parts of the world be avoided to reduce the waste of funds.

Genetic testing of women to identify those at higher risk for the disease, the conference declared, could threaten privacy and lead to commercialization of tests without suitable counseling.

Such testing should be allowed only in clinical research and only at specially trained centers, the conference said. Health insurers must not pay for testing and treat-

ment at centers that have not met necessary standards, they concluded.

The Florence recommendations

will be dealt with by the ICA through the Israel National Oncology Council, headed by Prof. Eliezer Robinson.

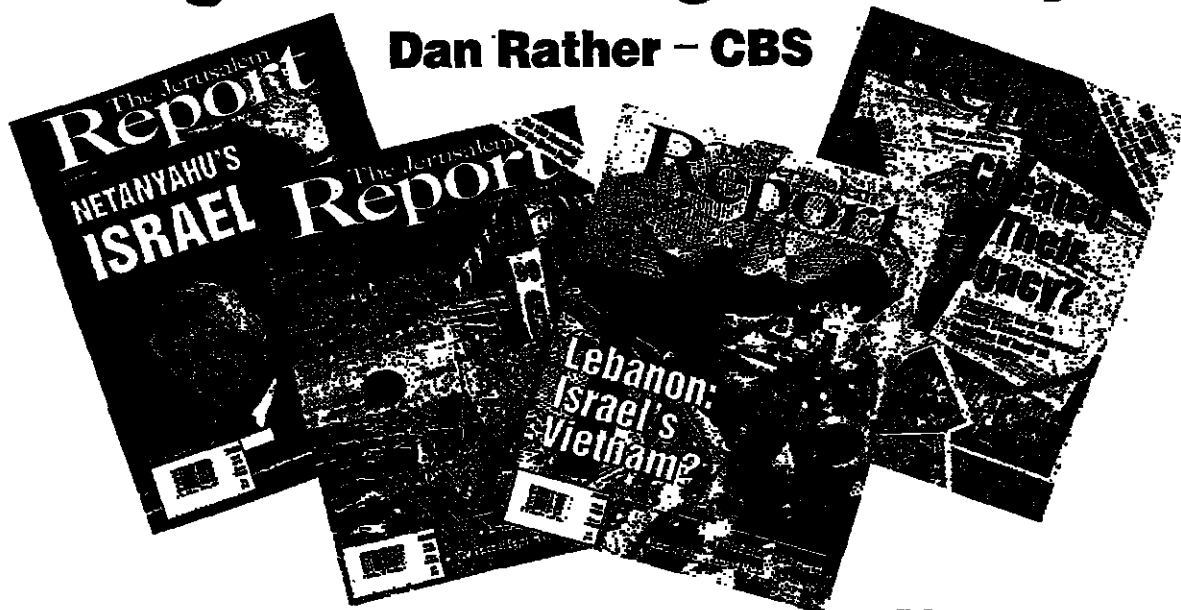
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## Banking on Brazil

In the top-20 list of countries whose stock markets have crashed the hardest in the past year, there are six Latin Americans.

Without exception, they and all others in the American sub-continent worry most about Brazil. Ever since the world financial crisis began in Thailand and then overwhelmed Indonesia, Malaysia and on to Russia, world economists have been nervously asking "What about Brazil?"

Realizing that if the epidemic hit there, it would signal the next dangerous regional collapse.

Brazil is the ninth biggest economy in the world. Its stock market has lost 34 percent of its value this year (compared with 56% in Venezuela and 29% in Mexico).

Brazilians have been voting this past weekend and, with the poll count not yet completed, they seem to have agreed that sailing amid sharp rocks and swirling currents is not any time to change the ship's captain.

So President Fernando Henrique Cardoso seems to have sailed to a first-round victory with more than 50% of the vote, and into a historic second term. His two closest challengers, from 11 in all, polled around 35% and 11%.

Style setter  
As well as opting for a familiar face in troubled times, experts say Brazilians have rewarded the man who killed Brazil's legendary inflation. Since Cardoso's arrival to the helm, economists journalists have had to abandon one of their favorite clichés, "Brazilian-style inflation" threatening some country or other.

Brazil's current inflation rate is near zero. Before Cardoso unveiled his currency plan, it was running at over 2,500% a year — if such a figure can mean anything other than "Brazilian-style inflation."

But Brazilian voters know what stable prices mean when compared with their previous nightmare world of stratospheric inflation, and have signaled their appreciation.

Brazil is by no means out of danger. The economy has ground to a halt, and interest rates stand at some 40% per year. While his rivals may not have dented Cardoso's popularity, they had many experts nodding in agreement when they charged that the government has neither an industrial nor an unemployment policy. And the voters will soon find themselves groaning under the terms of a new IMF bailout of \$30 billion.

Crunch time  
Cardoso has been most seriously criticized for dragging his heels on cutting government spending, and his hesitation has

been exploited by a fractious parliament which opposed any attempt to reform the social security and tax systems during his first term.

Now that he is back in the president's chair, Brazilians can expect the crunch to come in the form of fewer jobs (especially in the bloated government sector), fewer social security benefits — in fact less of everything paid from the public purse.

The crunch is sure to be painful — Brazil may be a global-sized economy, but it is a low-paying one. A third of the nation's workers earn a minimum wage of some \$30 a week — there's not much fat to trim there, although Brazil also has plenty of fat-cats who pay minimum taxes as well as wages.

It may be hard to see the link between Thailand and Brazil. The direct connection may be tenuous, but in a global economy, it all comes back to confidence. In effect, this means big investor nations tend to paint every emerging market with the same brush and see similar structural weaknesses in all emerging markets, including the Latin Americans.

Although world economists (those that matter, in the World Bank and the IMF) have been fretting about Brazil and South America for more than a year, so far, these states have failed to implode. Credit must be given therefore for the substantial democratic and structural reforms most of them, Brazil included, have been getting on with, mostly unnoticed.

Grim optimism  
These reforms have given the South Americans a certain resilience they did not have a decade ago. If they manage to ride the current storms, like Europe is doing, they could be among the first to reap the benefits of returning confidence.

However, "if Brazil goes, we all go" remains the nervous conventional wisdom in South America — even in Argentina, the most successfully restructured economy in the region. The reason? Brazil is Argentina's biggest trading partner and if confidence in Brazil and its currency, the real, evaporated, Argentina's good name would go up in smoke with it.

All the more reason then for the IMF and the industrial nations to help support the Brazilian real, say economists. The greater the danger of a Brazilian collapse, the more urgent the need to stop it, as the United States did for Mexico.

While Cardoso now has his work cut out for his second term, he may gain some grim reassurance from knowing that the rest of the world simply has to believe in Brazil. It can't afford not to.

### Column One



Thomas O'Dwyer

# The IMF's bitter pill

The fund primarily responsible for dealing with the global crisis is mandating remedies that often weaken political structures and with them the precondition of meaningful reform

By HENRY KISSINGER

What began 15 months ago as a currency crisis in Thailand and then spread across Asia, now threatens the industrialized world.

No government and virtually no economist predicted the crisis, understood its extent or anticipated its staying power. A series of IMF rescue packages has not arrested its spread and threatens the political institutions implementing them.

In Indonesia a regime tainted by cronyism has been overthrown. But in Brazil, the crisis threatens what is arguably the most reform-minded government in decades.

What was treated at first as a temporary imbalance is becoming a crisis of the world's financial system. In the past 20 years, two Mexican crises, in 1982 and 1994, spread to most of Latin America; the Asian crisis of 1997 has already infected Eastern Europe, South Africa and Latin America. Each crisis has been more extensive and has spread more widely than its predecessor.

Free-market capitalism remains the most effective instrument for economic growth and for raising the standard of living of most people. But just as the reckless laissez faire capitalism of the 19th century spawned Marxism, so the indiscriminate globalism of the 1990s may generate a worldwide assault on the very concept of free financial markets. Globalism views the entire world as one market in which the most efficient and competitive prosper. It accepts — and even welcomes — that the free market will relentlessly sift the efficient from the inefficient, even at the cost of periodic economic and social dislocation.

But the extreme version of globalism neglects the inevitable mismatch between the world's political and economic organization. Unlike economics, politics divides the world into national units. And while political leaders may accept a certain degree of suffering for the sake of stabilizing their economies, they cannot survive as advocates of near-permanent austerity on the basis of directives imposed from abroad.

THE temptation to seek to reverse — or at least to buffer — austerity by political means becomes overwhelming. Protectionism may prove ineffective in the long term but, for better or worse, political leaders respond to more short-term cycles.

Even well-established free-market democracies do not accept limitless suffering in the name of the market, and have taken measures to provide a social safety net and to curb market excesses by regulation. The international financial system does not as yet have these firebreaks. Nor is there much of a recognition that it needs them.

Ours is the first period experiencing a genuinely global economic system. Markets in different parts of the world interact continuously. Modern communications enable them to respond instantaneously. Sophisticated credit instruments provide unprecedented liquidity. Hedge funds, the trading departments of international banks and institutional investors possess the reach, power and resources to profit from market swings in either direction, and even to bring them about. It is market stability that they find uncongenial.

Broadly speaking, direct foreign investment benefits from the well being of the societies in which it operates; it runs the risks and is entitled to the benefits of the host country. By contrast, modern speculative capital benefits from exploiting emerging trends before the general public does. It drives upswings into bubbles and down cycles into crises, and in a time-frame that cannot be significantly affected by the kind of macroeconomic remedies being urged on the political leaders.

For example, when Asian credit-worthiness



People queue up for free soup in Moscow last month: In Russia, the IMF accelerated the collapse of the economy by overemphasizing politics. (AP)

began to fall, financial institutions and fund managers holding the debt were tempted to sell Asian currencies short, thereby accelerating devaluation and compounding the difficulty of repaying debt. Speculators were acting rationally, but the result was a deeper, more vicious and more intractable crisis.

To maintain their overall performance, speculators, as losses mounted in Asia, were driven to cash in their holdings in Latin America and thereby spread the crisis. The capacity of smaller countries to deal with these massive capital flows is not equal to the temptations offered by the system. Regulators in the United States, Europe and Japan have not succeeded in dampening the increased volatility of the market. And small and medium-sized countries are defenseless in the face of it.

The speculators will argue that they are only exploiting weaknesses in the market, not causing them. My concern is that they have a tendency to turn a weakness into a disaster. If Brazil is driven into deep recession, countries like Argentina and Mexico, heretofore committed to free-market institutions, may be overwhelmed.

The crisis in Brazil is a case in point. Despite a reform-minded and on the whole efficient government, Brazil faces a crisis partly because, as one of the largest and most liquid emerging markets, it is one of the easiest from which to withdraw. If these trends are not arrested, global flows of capital will be impeded by a plethora of national or regional regulations, a process that has already begun.

THE International Monetary Fund, the principal international institution for dealing with the crisis, too often compounds the political instability. Forced by the current crisis into assuming functions for which it was never designed, the IMF has utterly failed to grasp the political impact of its actions. In the name of free-market orthodoxy, it usually attempts — in an almost academic manner — to remove all at once every weakness in the economic system of the afflicted country, regardless of whether these caused the crisis or not. In the process, it too often weakens the political structure and with it the precondition of meaningful reform.

Like a doctor who has only one pill for every conceivable illness, its nearly invariable remedies mandate austerity, high interest rates to prevent capital outflows and major devaluations to discourage imports and encourage exports. The inevitable result is a dramatic drop in the standard of living, exploding unemployment and growing hardship weakening the political institutions necessary to carry out the IMF program.

THE situation in Southeast Asia is a case in point. Crony capitalism, corruption and inadequate supervision of banks were serious shortcomings. But they did not cause the immediate crisis; they were a cost of doing business, not a barrier to it. Until little more than a year ago, Asia was the fastest growing region in the world, its progress underpinned by high savings rates, disciplined work ethic and responsible fiscal behavior.

What triggered the crisis were factors largely out of national or regional control. The various countries had exchange rates linked to the US dollar. When China devalued in 1994, the dollar appreciated significantly starting in 1995, and the yen fell sharply. Southeast Asian exports became less competitive and export earnings fell.

At the same time, the dollar pegs created unprecedented opportunities for speculation. It was possible to borrow dollars in New York and lend them locally for at least twice the cost of borrowing — at no apparent currency risk. The borrowers invested in real estate and excess plant capacity, creating a dangerous bubble. Local currency became overvalued and local currency holders converted into dollars, inviting speculative raids — all without significant warnings from international financial institutions.

The US Treasury, convinced that the matter could be dealt with regionally, and gun-shy after congressional reaction to the bail-out of Mexico, refused to participate in the first round of the crisis. But when the crisis spread to Indonesia, the largest country of Southeast Asia, the threat to the global financial system could no longer be ignored.

At US urging, the IMF intervened in both situations with its standard remedies, leading to massive austerity. Thailand's democratic institutions have so far proved relatively resilient. But how long can it sustain interest rates of more than 40 percent, a negative growth of 8% and a 42% devaluation of its currency?

In Indonesia — a rich country with vast resources and an economy which was praised by the World Bank in July 1997 for its efficient management — the IMF advised by an administration afraid of being accused of having political ties to leading Indonesian financial institutions, decided to make its assistance conditional on remedying virtually every ill of which the society suffered. It demanded the closing of 15 banks, the ending of monopolies on food and heating oil, and the end of subsidies.

But when 15 banks are closed in the middle of a crisis, a run on other banks follows inevitably. The ending of subsidies raised food and fuel prices, causing riots aimed at

the Chinese minority that controls much of the economy. As a result, as much as \$60 billion of Chinese money fled Indonesia, or more than the IMF could possibly provide. A currency crisis had been turned into an economic disaster.

For a few months, a special Treasury representative worked with the government and the IMF to ease the pressures. But by April the IMF was back at the old stand. This time the explosion swept away the Suharto regime.

A currency crisis, having been transmuted into an economic crisis, has become a crisis of political institutions. Any real economic reform stands suspended. The shortcomings of Suharto were real enough, but to try to deal with them concurrently with the currency crisis has produced a political vacuum in the most populous Islamic nation in the world.

ALL this might make sense if the IMF programs brought demonstrable relief. But in every country where the IMF has operated, successive programs have lowered the forecast of the growth rate which, in Indonesia, is now a negative 10%, in Thailand a negative 5% and in South Korea an optimistic positive 1%.

It is possible to argue that without the IMF program conditions would be even worse, but this is no consolation to governments and institutions facing massive discontent.

The inability of the IMF to operate where politics and economics intersect is shown by its experience in Russia. In Indonesia, the IMF contributed to the destruction of the political framework by excessive emphasis on economics; in Russia it accelerated the collapse of the economy by overemphasizing politics. The IMF is, quite simply, not equipped for the task it has assumed.

The immediate challenge is to overcome the crisis in Brazil and to preserve the free-market economics and democracy in Latin America. A firm and unambiguous commitment by the industrial democracies, led by the United States, is essential to buttress the necessary Brazilian reform program.

An expanding American economy is the key to restoration of global growth. Whether this is achieved by a cut in interest rates or a major tax cut, a strong commitment to reinvigorated growth is essential.

Above all, the institutions that deal with international financial crises are in need of reform. A new financial management to replace that of Bretton Woods is essential. It must find a way to distinguish between long-term and speculative capital, and cushion the global system from the excesses of the latter.

The IMF must be transformed. It should be returned to its original purpose as a provider of expert advice and judgment, supplemented by short-term liquidity support. When the IMF focuses on multibillion dollar loans, it plays a poker game it cannot possibly win; the "house," in this case the market, simply has too much money. Congress should use the need for IMF replenishment to impose such changes.

Further, the central banks and regulators of the industrial democracies need to turn their attention to the international securities markets, just as they did to international banking after the debt crisis of the 1980s. Regulatory systems should be strengthened and harmonized; the risks that investors are taking should be made more transparent.

Finally, the private sector must learn to relate itself to the political necessities of host countries. I am disturbed by the tendency to treat the Asian economic crisis as another opportunity to acquire cheaply control of Asian companies' assets and to reconstitute them on the American model. This is courting a long-term disaster. Every effort should be made to work with local partners and to run acquisitions into genuinely cooperative enterprises. (Los Angeles Times)

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# Clinton impeachment inquiry moves to House floor

By DAVID WESSLER

WASHINGTON (Reuters) — The decision on whether to open an impeachment inquiry against President Bill Clinton was headed yesterday for the House of Representatives floor, with Democrats trying to limit defections from their leader.

On a straight party-line 21-16 vote, the House Judiciary Committee late on Monday approved launching a formal impeachment inquiry against Clinton, only the third such investigation of a US president in history.

The Republican-majority panel took the first step toward an open-ended, unrestricted probe of Clinton that eventually could range far beyond his affair with former White House intern Monica Lewinsky.

The full 435-member House must now vote whether to approve opening the formal inquiry later this week, which would be the first

presidential impeachment proceeding since Richard Nixon's Watergate scandal in 1974. The House vote is expected on Thursday or Friday.

With the Republican-controlled House almost certain to approve an impeachment inquiry, Democrats could only hope to limit the number of their members who will defect and side with the Republicans.

A final vote nearly along party lines would bolster the White House claim that the process is a partisan one brought on by Republicans who want to overturn the last election. A heavy Democratic vote for the inquiry would weaken that argument.

"I assume they will vote — with some Democratic votes, but mostly not — to conduct this inquiry," Representative Jerrold Nadler, a New York Democrat on the committee, told CNN.

Democrats were reluctant to guess how many defections there

would be. Representative Steven Rothman, a New Jersey Democrat on the Judiciary Committee, said in a CNN interview that it was "hard to predict" any number.

"The American people are driving the bus" to wherever impeachment is going, Rothman said.

Representative Bill McCollum of Florida, a Republican on the committee, agreed, saying on CNN, "The people behind the push [toward impeachment] are the American people. I think the American public understand the gravity of this."

But recent polls show that the majority of Americans do not believe there should be an impeachment inquiry and disapprove of the job the Judiciary Committee is doing.

The White House yesterday called the Judiciary Committee's vote a premeditated strategy to pick up votes in November 3 elections.

"I think the American public has

a right to be disappointed," White House spokesman Joe Lockhart said.

Clinton was attending the opening session of the International Monetary Fund and World Bank annual meeting.

The Republican motion as passed on Monday does not set a deadline for ending the probe and would allow it to move beyond Lewinsky to issues such as Whitewater, campaign finance abuses or the White House travel office firings.

Democrats, whose proposal for a restricted probe with a firm deadline was rejected on a party-line vote, said the investigation's open-ended structure would subject the country to a prolonged and gut-wrenching impeachment process.

Chief Republican investigator David Schippers told the committee on Monday he believed Clinton had committed 15 "potentially impeachable acts, four more than independent counsel Kenneth Starr

alleged in his report to Congress last month.

He split some counts and added others, involving conspiracy and aiding the filing of a false affidavit, but dropped abuse of power charges stemming from White House privilege claims and Clinton's refusal to voluntarily testify.

Democratic chief investigator Abbe Lowell said Schippers was adding charges by "subdividing" the existing facts and making a "laundry list of laws" Clinton might have violated.

Coincidentally, the grand jury that has been hearing evidence presented by Starr was meeting again yesterday.

The only previous time a president faced impeachment came after the Civil War in 1868, when President Andrew Johnson was impeached by the House but prevailed in the Senate, which failed to remove him from office by one vote.

## WORLD

in brief

### US embassy in Saudi Arabia may be terror target

DUBAI (Reuters) — The US Embassy in Saudi Arabia said yesterday a "terrorist" attack might be planned on the mission.

It did not say when the attack might take place. But in a statement, the Riyadh embassy said it and the consulates in Jeddah and Dhahran would be closed to the public today "to review present security measures and to implement physical security enhancements".

The statement said various US missions around the world had received threats of "possible terrorist activity directed against them" following the bombings of the American embassies in Nairobi and Dar es Salaam on August 7.

### German Jewish leader doubts Holocaust Memorial will be built

RESSEN (AP) — Ignatz Bubis, the head of Germany's Central Council of Jews, was quoted yesterday as saying he no longer expects a planned Holocaust Memorial to be built in Berlin.

In an interview with the Dresden-based *Saechsische Zeitung*, Bubis reacted to the outcome of the September 27 elections won by the left Social Democrats and Chancellor-elect Gerhard Schröder, who has said he is for reconsidering the project.

"I believe a decision has been made," Bubis was quoted as saying. "The initiators wanted to erect a memorial by non-Jews to remember the murdered Jews of Europe. In my view that is a gesture that is needed." But Volker Beck, a member of the environmental Greens party that is expected to form a government coalition with the Social Democrats, issued a statement in Bonn saying the memorial issue is still alive. He added that backing out of constructing a Holocaust memorial in Berlin would lead to international criticism.

### Kohl's party chooses new leader

BONN (AP) — Amid calls for revitalizing the party by promoting younger members and more women, Chancellor Helmut Kohl's defeated Christian Democrats closed ranks yesterday behind a new leader — Kohl's own right-hand man.

The party's executive committee voted unanimously, with one abstention, to recommend as chairman Wolfgang Schäuble, Kohl's parliamentary faction leader and the man he had picked as his replacement. A final vote is to be made at a party convention on November 7.

The choice of Schäuble came despite criticism from some party members that a bolder break is needed from Kohl, who led the Christian Democrats to their worst showing in 50 years in last week's election.

### Brazil's Cardoso turns to economic crisis

SAO PAULO (Reuters) — With his reelection all but guaranteed, Brazilian President Fernando Henrique Cardoso was being pressured yesterday to deliver a tough austerity plan aimed at protecting his nation from a crushing devaluation.

The latest figures from Sunday's election put Cardoso well on course for an outright victory over his main challenger, left-wing Lula da Silva. Cardoso, a 67-year-old social democrat, had 52 percent of the vote with two thirds of recounts counted.

If he maintains that margin, as he is widely expected to do, Cardoso will have more than enough votes to avoid a run-off election with Lula.

A second-round poll would thwart Cardoso's plan to speed through an austerity package to restore investor faith in the world's ninth largest economy. Economists say that would help slow capital flight, which has drained some \$30 billion from Brazil since Russia devalued its currency in mid-August.

### Blair treads softly in China over rights

BEIJING (Reuters) — Prime Minister Tony Blair, celebrating a new chapter in Britain's relations with China after years of tension over Hong Kong, tiptoed around issues of human rights abuse on the first day of a visit to Beijing yesterday.

Blair, making the first visit by a British head of government to the Chinese capital for seven years, highlighted his close personal ties to Premier Zhu Rongji, whom he hailed as a "real modernizer."

Blair noted there had been a "frank exchange of views" on issues of disagreement — code for China's human rights record which has been at the center of attention after Beijing on Monday signed the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights.

The covenant guarantees freedom of expression, a fair trial and protection against torture. Before his arrival Blair made clear that despite Britain's proclamation of ethical foreign policy, he would restrict himself to private criticism while in Beijing and take a lower profile on the issue of human rights than President Bill Clinton.

## IMF head sees system in crisis, not just countries

WASHINGTON (Reuters) — With financial turmoil sweeping the globe, the whole financial system, and not just individual countries, is now in crisis, Michel Camdessus, the head of the International Monetary Fund, said yesterday.

"We are speaking not just of countries in crisis, but of a system in crisis, a system not yet sufficiently adapted to the opportunities and risks of globalization," Camdessus told the annual meeting of World Bank and IMF.

But Camdessus said the situation was not as dire as in 1928, when the world plunged into recession.

"If we keep a steady nerve, if all countries pursue stability, structural adjustment, and orderly liberalization of their economies, this crisis can be overcome." But for this to happen and for us to respond properly, we must understand clearly what went wrong," he said.

US President Bill Clinton told the meeting it is time for "urgent steps" to stop the global economic crisis from spreading and to restore growth and confidence to the world economy.

Saying that Europe and Japan must do their part in restoring world economic stability, Clinton said: "I am confident that if we act together we can end the present crisis."

The IMF has already put together a series of rescue packages to help countries in trouble around the world and is expected to organize a further deal for Brazil in the coming days.



French National Front leader Jean-Marie Le Pen (2nd from left) listens to the proceedings as other deputies of the European Parliament voted yesterday to waive his parliamentary immunity. (Reuters)

## Le Pen cleared for trial, makes Dachau jibe

STRASBOURG (Reuters) — The European Parliament voted overwhelmingly yesterday to lift the immunity of French far-right leader Jean-Marie Le Pen, clearing the way for him to face trial in Germany for alleged anti-Jewish comments.

Le Pen, the flamboyant leader of the anti-immigrant National Front party, told France 2 television he would appear before a Munich court on condition that "I will not

be immediately sent to Dachau or Buchenwald" — two former Nazi concentration camps.

The assembly voted by 420 to 20 with six abstentions in favour of a request from Bavarian state prosecutor Helmut Meyer-Staude to let Le Pen go to trial for alleged remarks reportedly referring to the murder of six million Jews by the Nazis as a "mere detail" of history.

Le Pen stood up and bowed to the assembly and made a dismissive wave as the result of the vote was announced.

"I didn't build the gas chambers — it was the fathers, uncles and grandfathers of my German colleagues here who did," he told France 2.

Asked if he would appear before the Munich court seeking to try him, he said: "My condition is that they guarantee I will not be immediately sent to Dachau or Buchenwald." It was the third time

the EU assembly had lifted Le Pen's immunity and the seventh time it had been requested.

The remarks were allegedly made by Le Pen at the Munich launch of the biography "Le Pen the Rebel" written by a German right-wing extremist.

It is illegal in Germany to trivialize or deny the Holocaust. The maximum sentence for the offence known as the Auschwitz lie is five years in jail and a stiff fine.

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# Taliban: Afghanistan's 'pious' poppy growers

By PAMELA CONSTABLE

Poppy cultivation and opium and heroin production have skyrocketed in Afghanistan since the radical Moslem Taliban movement extended its control across most of the country, according to US anti-drug experts and international relief organizations.

US and international drug experts estimate Afghanistan is the second-largest opium producer in the world and that it is responsible for the production of more than one-third of the world's opium and heroin, which is refined from opium. The Taliban controls 96 percent of Afghanistan's poppy-growing regions, the sources said, and reaps profits by taxing poppy growers and those who refine opium into opium.

"As the Taliban expanded their control over Afghanistan's opium-growing territory, they appear to have expanded their involvement as well, including facilitating major traffickers to move large quantities of morphine base and heroin to the West," said a State Department report released in March.

The Taliban tax opium, they tax morphine, and they levy fees

on transport," said a senior US official monitoring Afghanistan. "They reap tens of millions of dollars a year from the drug trade, even though they initially said they were against it."

The Taliban's alleged involvement in the drug trade would appear to contradict the strict rules it has imposed on Afghans in keeping with its interpretation of Islam.

TALIBAN leaders have denied any connection with drug trafficking and have maintained they will eradicate opium poppy crops once they have established order in the fractious country and can persuade poppy growers that they can grow other crops profitably.

Besides causing tension with the West, the increase in drug trafficking involving Afghanistan is a growing irritant for neighboring Iran, which opposed the Taliban's takeover of Afghanistan. At a September 1997 conference of the international policing agency Interpol, the Iranian representative directly accused the Taliban of being "the main source of the death trade," according to a source with direct knowledge of the event.

US officials said that as Iran has softened its stance toward the

West, it has begun to take drug interdiction more seriously.

The State Department report said poppy production has increased dramatically in Kandahar province, which is both the heartland of the Taliban movement and the base of operations for Osama bin Laden, the radical Saudi exile whom US

officials accuse of running one of the largest terrorist networks in the world. Last month, the United States launched a missile attack at camps in eastern Afghanistan that US officials said were being used to train bin Laden's operatives.

US intelligence agencies have received "credible reports" that members of bin Laden's security

forces protect drug shipments and might have traded guns for drugs on a small scale, US officials said.

"(The poppy) is grown and marketed in areas where he exercises great influence, and he has done nothing to stop it," a US drug expert said. "But there is no smoking gun linking him to the

trade directly."

According to estimates derived from CIA satellite photography, poppy cultivation in Afghanistan grew from 49,500 acres in 1992 to 99,200 acres at the end of 1997. US officials said it continues to expand. "Narcotics remain Afghanistan's largest source of income, and Taliban authorities reportedly benefit financially from the trade and provide protection to heroin laboratories," the State Department report said.

The Cooperative Center for Afghanistan, a Pakistan-based, nonprofit investigative group, said a recent survey conducted in Afghanistan showed that the Taliban charges local poppy farmers about \$48 per kilogram of opium produced. The opium is sold to traffickers who move it to Pakistan, Iran and India for about \$87 per kilogram.

THE growth in poppy cultivation and opium production contradicts the Taliban's promises in late 1996, after it seized Kabul, Afghanistan's capital, that it would eradicate the practice. In November 1997, the Taliban struck a deal with the United Nations to eradicate all poppy cultivation over a five-year period in exchange for development aid.

Instead, UN development workers have been forced to leave Afghanistan and the Taliban began taxing poppy production, drug experts said.

US and European officials said the Taliban offered to take steps to eradicate poppy growing if Western nations recognize it as Afghanistan's legitimate government, something only Pakistan, Saudi Arabia and the United Arab Emirates have done.

A senior Taliban official told *The Washington Post* last year that the Taliban had banned labs used to turn opium into heroin, although he acknowledged nothing had been done to discourage poppy cultivation. A Drug Enforcement Administration report in January found the Taliban "has done little to impede opium production and trafficking. In the provinces of Helmand and Nangarhar, the Taliban reportedly are taxing drug producers and storing opium in Taliban-guarded warehouses."

And in Pakistan, the Cooperative Center for Afghanistan showed a reporter pictures of rudimentary laboratories in Nangarhar and said that at least 120 such labs are operating in that province alone.

(The Washington Post)

## Sheltering women for life

By DOUGLAS PERMAN and PAMELA CONSTABLE

"I will wear it, they will wear it," a woman in Kabul, Afghanistan says, referring to the burqa, the black, head-to-toe garment that she has worn since the Taliban took power in 1996.

"They are the police agents of the Taliban," she says, referring to the men in public who are wearing the burqa.

On the other hand, Qaimuddin asserts, the ban on women's education and work is only a temporary measure that will end once the Taliban has defeated its internal armed enemies and can devote its energy to social issues.

"But Afghan women will continue to be 'protected' from the world of men. In Western societies, he lectures, women are used by men when young and discarded when old."

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# Hollywood salutes Moreau

By KEVIN THOMAS

Few actresses can match Jeanne Moreau's four decades of international stardom. But not until the elegant tribute to her on October 1 had the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences honored a French actress in such a manner, observed academy president Robert Rehme.

After nearly two hours of carefully selected clips from her 50-year screen career, Moreau, introduced by her friend Sharon Stone, the evening's host, stood before the sold-out audience in the Samuel Goldwyn Theater at the academy headquarters in Beverly Hills.

"I don't go down memory lane, I don't give a damn about the past, but now I see I was wrong," said Moreau, who is known not to look at her films except at special occasions such as this event. "The past was good. The woman who stands before you was made by that past. I look at that young woman, and I recognize myself. I feel the same now as then. I'll tell you something: Age isn't age!"

A radiant Moreau, 70, had her hair cut short and wore a simple black velvet Yves St. Laurent sheath and some diamond accessories. Among Moreau's many other remarks, some of them in French, was one directed at the statue looming over her on the stage. "Everybody in the world likes this big guy Oscar, and I'm just a tiny French woman looking up at him." (An Oscar is just about the only major acting prize that has eluded Moreau — so far.)

The film clips, however, from 17 of her more than 80 pictures, suggest not only her range and mesmerizing, defining presence, but how a European actress can in fact grow older in front of the camera, continuing in major, worthy roles decade after decade whereas such continuity and status is still all but impossible for women in Hollywood.

In the clips the audience watched Moreau deliciously manage a *ménage à trois* in Francois Truffaut's *Jules and Jim* (1961), the film that established her world-

wide renown, and we also see her playing wise survivors of the Holocaust in two of her most recent films, Ismail Merchant's *The Proprietor* and *I Love You, I Love You Not*, in which Claire Danes played her granddaughter.

The slightly down-turned mouth that has always suggested a beguiling sensuality, the dark shining eyes, the assured carriage — these are enduring characteristics that Moreau has brought to every role she has ever played.

The film that established her image firmly — and incidentally launched director Louis Malle's career — is *Elevator to the Sky* (1958). In the clip we see her late for a rendezvous in a Paris bar. She takes to pacing the street, and Malle's widow, Candice Bergen, remarked that her husband called that pacing "Jeanne's existential walk" — and that Michelangelo Antonioni was so taken with it that he used it when he cast her opposite Marcello Mastroianni in *La Notte* (1960). *La Notte* was represented at the tribute by its final sequence in which as dawn breaks a burned-out couple struggle to rekindle their passion.

As part of the tribute, Stone did a brief interview with Moreau, who spoke of the hardships she and her French father and English mother endured during the Occupation, living in the Montmartre section of Paris, where everything, she recalled, was "money and sex" — and where she resolved that she would never submit.

Producer Mike Medavoy, once Moreau's agent, the Motion Picture Association of America's Jack Valenti and Ismail Merchant all spoke with respect and affection for Moreau, but perhaps the most telling remarks about her came in an eloquent letter sent by director Mike Nichols.

He wrote of the "mystery of the truth that she offers... and the reverence for life which she embodies." He cited her mastery of those small, inexplicable things an actor does that enables audiences to say, "I know this person — I am that person." (Los Angeles Times)



Legendary French actress Jeanne Moreau, now 70, has made more than 80 movies. (File photo)

## An artist dedicated to himself Marketing classical music in Cologne

By STEVE RODAN

Abraham Bar Rashi, 70, chainsmokes as he recalls his life, winding his way from Cleveland to New York's Lower East Side, through music, film and the streets.

It's been a life, he says, of total dedication to his way, an insistence which led him to pass up fame and fortune time and again — both in the case of a bodyless, fretless guitar he invented and a movie he wrote, directed, but never released.

"I concluded that what the artist is all about is the obsession," he says. "God gives you something to do. Why alter it and gain social and political acceptance? I don't need the vanity. I'd love it but I don't need it."

Bar Rashi's latest project is a simple CD called *Deep Hip*, a 72-minute groove with Bar Rashi on guitar, his son Yonatan on percussion and Adam Wexler on bass. The music alternates between Eastern with the younger Bar Rashi to funk and free jazz led by his father's soft hypnotic riffs.

Bar Rashi, a slight man with a beard and a large beret, says he came to the studio session without music and told his sidemen to follow along.

"It's all improvisation," he says. "There was no discussion of what we were going to play, no discussion of chords."

A resident of Kiryat Arba since

1983, Bar Rashi was born Allan Gitler in Cleveland on September 16, 1928. Three months later he was taken to the Lower East Side. He dropped out of school at 16 and taught himself guitar and a repertoire of jazz standards. He soon began playing at local restaurants and reached a high point in 1965 when he recorded with drummer Elvin Jones. The album was never released.

A few years later, Bar Rashi dropped out of the club scene and pursued film. He became a film editor and worked on the famous Maxwell House coffee commercial where the bubbles sing.

In the meantime, he forged new paths — inventing a photographic printer, motion picture splicer, reel and a film container. He holds patents for each of these inventions.

Bar Rashi's electric guitar was completed in 1974. It was an electric instrument without most of the baggage of its acoustic counterpart. The body was discarded as were the frets and the tone and volume controls.

The guitar was so pretty that in 1977, New York's Museum of Modern Art bought one for its collection — the first and only instrument ever to be permanently displayed in its galleries.

But Bar Rashi never managed to make a penny out of the guitar. In the early 1980s, already in Israel, he hooked up with several entrepreneurs who manufactured what he says was an inferior model. He

dissociated himself from the guitar and warned the public against purchasing the 500 guitars produced.

On his CD, Bar Rashi plays his most recent guitar, a wooden instrument designed in 1995. It is tiny, wound with nylon classical strings. It requires amplification. He takes it almost everywhere he goes.

Sometimes Bar Rashi plays in the street, something he began in the early 1970s in Greenwich Village. Today, however, he is wary of crowds and rarely plays the music of his youth. Jazz bores him.

"It's not like when it was with Miles [Davis] and Coleman Hawkins," he says of the jazz legends. "The improvisatory thing was based on standards, which is really Yiddish music from the Lower East Side. They took it took the nth degree and it became so boring. Today, it's stink."

Bar Rashi will be performing his CD with his trio at Jerusalem's Yellow Submarine in Talpiot on November 4. He is not fazed by the prospect of acceptance or even whether the CD will sell. It is not yet available in stores although it can be ordered via e-mail (jaane@inter.net.il).

"When I was 40, I decided I would never worry about money again," he says. "I looked around at other people my age and saw how they worried about making a living. The worrying never brought them one more agora."

By MICHAEL AJZENSTADT

When German maestro Kurt Masur raises his baton tomorrow evening to lead his New York Philharmonic Orchestra in an all-Tchaikovsky program at the Philharmonie Hall in Cologne,

one of the happiest people in the 2,200-seat hall will be Franz Xaver Ohnesorg, the auditorium's general and artistic director.

Ohnesorg will be bursting with pride for managing to book one of the leading orchestras in the world for a reasonably-priced concert series.

In a brief visit to Jerusalem earlier in the fall, Ohnesorg spoke about the excitement of his job.

"We have 400 concerts in our hall every year which means selling 680,000 tickets. Some of the concerts are presented by the Cologne orchestras but most of the programs are devised by me."

Ohnesorg aims to make the concerts as interesting as possible to as large an audience as possible while charging a relatively reasonable price for the tickets.

"I don't want to have any social barriers around and so for many of our chamber music concerts we have a single price of DM 36 [NIS 86]. Even top price tickets for the New York Philharmonic were DM

180. There are also tickets for DM 25 and DM 55. The way to maintain these low prices is to find sponsors whose goal is to help us make the concerts accessible for as large an audience as possible."

In order to make the evening at the Philharmonie a pleasant and inexpensive one, Ohnesorg has gotten the municipality to provide free transportation to and from concerts.

"Many people enjoy this extra free service and appreciate it. It costs us money but it is worth it."

The Köln Philharmonie is owned by the municipality which provides Ohnesorg with an annual budget of DM 5 million. However, Ohnesorg's current overall budget is DM 25 million. He has bolstered his income with "rental fees, ticket sales and the service charge of the box office."

In a brilliant marketing move, Ohnesorg arranged for the Philharmonie box office to sell tickets for all Cologne events. "We sell two million tickets a year and next year this will probably rise to three million."

A Richard Strauss festival of 16 chamber-music concerts featuring Strauss and his contemporaries will follow the New York Philharmonic's nine-concert series at the Philharmonie. Ohnesorg also schedules jazz and pop evenings into his auditorium.

## NEWS

of the muse

By MICHAEL AJZENSTADT

### Ramat Hasharon concert series

Pianist Anat Sharon presents a series of concert lectures at the Yad Labanin Auditorium in Ramat Hasharon, where members of the audience are invited to sit around tables and enjoy some food and drinks through the evening.

The opening concert-lecture, November 26, focuses on French music, and the other thematic programs focus on music from America, Spain, Scandinavia, Russia and England. Several musicians join Sharon in each of the programs.

### Opera for Kids workshop opens in Jerusalem

The Jerusalem Children and Youth Opera Workshop takes place this year at the Zionist Confederation House and will start its activities after the holidays.

The workshop aims at presenting children with the entire gamut of operatic activities from singing to makeup, from juggling to props and scenery creation. For more information call (02) 679-5280.

### Mahler in London

London's Royal Philharmonic Orchestra presents a special year-long Mahler festival titled *Mahler the Spectacle*, featuring 11 concerts in which leading conductors such as Giuseppe Sinopoli, Neeme Jarvi, Yuri Temirkanov, Gilbert Kaplan and music director Daniele Gatti will lead the orchestra in the entire gamut of Mahler's symphonic output. All concerts take place at the Royal Albert Hall with a series of special discussions and events scheduled to complement the actual concerts. Those traveling to London can prebook their tickets by calling 44-171-589-8212.

### Lucerne Piano Festival

The first-ever Lucerne Piano Festival takes place November 18-22 within the famous International Festival of Music Lucerne. Seven pianists, Murray Perahia, Anatol Ugorsky, Katia and Marielle Labèque, Michel Petrucci, Till Fellner and Alfred Brendel, will present recitals and a series of special events, including screening of videos and films related to the greatest pianists of our century, will also take place. For tickets call 41-41-2264480 or order by fax 41-41-2264485.

## Soul music for Succot

By GREER FAY CASHMAN

Moshav Mevo Modi'im is well known for its Jewish soul music. Its members are followers of the late Rabbi Shlomo Carlebach; several are internationally known musicians who have dedicated themselves to conveying Carlebach's message of "Torah values," love and mutual respect. They do this through concerts that they give on the moshav, in locations all over Israel and abroad.

Carlebach, renowned as "the singing rabbi," was the founder of the moshav, which each year since his death in 1994 holds an arts and crafts and music festival in his memory during the intermediate days of Succot.

Because the festival has proved so popular and has attracted people of all ages and ethnic backgrounds from all over the country, organizers decided to extend the event this year from one to two days.

Another innovation will be the addition of singers and musicians who are not traditional Carlebach disciples, nor necessarily religiously observant.

Among them will be Ehud Banai, Ofer Levy and Shlomo Gronich, who will join regular Carlebach exponents such as Ben Zion and Yehuda Solomon, Chaim David Saracik and Yankele Shames.

Scheduled for today and tomorrow,



Shlomo Gronich

October 7 and 8, the festival will also include strictly kosher food stalls. A large succa will be available.

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## Iraqi myths

United States policy towards Iraq is on a collision course – not with Iraq, but with itself.

On Monday, the US House of Representatives overwhelmingly passed the "Iraq Liberation Act of 1998," which earmarks \$97 million to "support efforts to remove the regime headed by Saddam Hussein from power in Iraq." But the Clinton administration, in the meantime, has quietly abandoned the UN inspection regime that it almost went to war to enforce just seven months ago.

Earlier this year, Clinton Administration officials fanned out to explain why UN resolutions must be implemented, by force if necessary. Along the way, US officials compared Saddam to Hitler, and Secretary of Defense William Cohen brandished a 5-pound bag of sugar on national television to dramatize the amount of biological agents that could devastate an American city.

Today is the 63rd day there have been no snap inspections in Iraq, but no aircraft carriers are steaming toward the Persian Gulf, and no allied coalition is being assembled. Instead, UN Secretary-General Kofi Annan is proposing shifting the burden of proof from Iraq to the UN's own inspectors, and creating a timetable for the lifting of sanctions on Iraq.

At the same time, the Clinton administration has shifted its goals from "free and unfettered" access by UN inspectors, to maintaining UN sanctions regardless of the evisceration of the UN inspection regime.

According to Secretary of State Madeleine Albright in a September 9 speech, "Iraq remains within the strategic box Saddam Hussein's folly created for it seven years ago."

The US, Albright proclaimed, would "decide how and when to respond to Iraq's actions ... Our assessment will include Saddam's capacity to reconstitute, use or threaten to use weapons of mass destruction. The bottom line is that if Iraq tries to break out of its strategic box, our response will be swift and strong."

There is no reason to believe, however, that Albright's "strategic box" is any sturdier than the all-but-abandoned effort to maintain UN inspections.

According to *The Washington Post*, US intelligence sources regard as credible ex-UN inspector Scott Ritter's testimony to Congress that Iraq has assembled three or four nuclear devices, lacking only uranium cores to make them operational. Without effective inspections, there is little hope that the US will be able to know how

or when to prevent Iraq's rearmament. The conclusion that has been reached by Congress is that the only way to disarm Saddam is to depose him. This conclusion is not only strategically sound, but a moral imperative, given the misery he has imposed upon his own people and the threat he poses toward the region.

The Clinton administration, while claiming to support the "intent" of the Congress, is waging a battle against Congressional policy. In doing so, it is propagating a series of overlapping myths. Assistant Secretary of State Martin Indyk, for example, implied before the Senate last month that the only alternative to current policy is for US forces to march on Baghdad.

Reading between the lines of Clinton policy, one finds Saddam Hussein to be an invincible, yet containable, tyrant, while his opposition is divided and without hope of ending Iraq's nightmare.

In fact, the Iraqi opposition has demonstrated that, with a reasonable level of outside support, it is able to control large tracts of Iraqi territory and attract defecting army units in droves. As former undersecretary of defense Paul Wolfowitz told the Senate recently, with proper equipment and allied protection from an air attack, the Iraqi opposition could take control over portions of Iraq and create a provisional government.

Once a safe area is created, international sanctions could be lifted over that area, much of the Iraqi army would defect, and Saddam would be in no position to rearm himself, let alone threaten his neighbors.

To avoid implementing this strategy, the Clinton administration has been portraying the opposition as weak and divided. The State Department even came up with a list of about 70 Iraqi groups, most of them small or defunct, rather than admit that there is only one group with acknowledged broad-based support: the Iraqi National Congress.

By increasing US financial support for the Iraqi opposition almost tenfold with the express purpose of deposing Saddam, Congress has made it considerably more difficult for the administration to avoid aiding the Iraqi opposition. But money and support from the Congress is not enough; the administration must change its policy.

The nations of the region are watching Congress, but the decisive signal of support for the Iraqi opposition must come from the administration. Until then, it remains to be seen who is in Albright's "strategic box," the US or Iraq.



## Not a technicality

NATAN SHARANSKY

The modern desire for immediate gratification has affected both war and peace-making. Just as nations are today less willing to sustain the casualties of extended military conflict, peace has developed a "sign and run" mentality. People expect that after a few handshakes, a few speeches, a few photos, it will be possible to move on to the next "crisis." Unfortunately, real life is not so simple.

The Israeli-Palestinian conflict has lasted generations. Reconciliation is a slow and painful process, requiring a fundamental transformation of deeply ingrained attitudes and beliefs. The alternative is, at best, a temporary respite from war and terrorism, with renewed violence simmering just beneath the surface.

Israel has made such a transformation. In the wake of the Oslo Agreement, the mainstream Israeli body politic has abandoned one of its oldest and most cherished ideologies – the belief in a Greater Land of Israel, even at the expense of controlling another people.

For centuries, returning to our ancient homeland shaped the dreams and aspirations of the Jewish people. But the reality of Oslo could not accommodate this vision. Ideas of settling the land, from the Mediterranean to the Jordan, proved incompatible with acceptance of Palestinian national rights.

Perhaps the stalled peace process has distracted us from this historic transformation. But make no mistake, Israel's sincere desire to no longer rule another people wrought a change in our practical attitude to the Jewish people's historical homeland. We ourselves could not have foreseen the pain this change would entail: a nation torn apart, widespread civil disobedience, and the almost unthinkable tragedy of a Jew assassinating his own prime minister.

Rather than impede this transformation, the election of Binyamin Netanyahu completed it. With only one-half of the public feeling itself a part of the process, a fundamental shift in Israeli attitudes would have remained in doubt. The critical moment came when Prime Minister Netanyahu led an overwhelming majority of Knesset members to vote to redeploy from the ancient city of Hebron. This represented a sea change in Israeli attitudes in the span of only three years.

Today, we demand from our former adversary only what we have demanded from ourselves – the genuine transformation in attitudes that is the foundation of real peace. For Israelis, that required a national consensus against ruling another people. For Palestinians, it means expunging from the public consciousness the desire to eradicate the Jewish state.

AFTER Oslo, Yasser Arafat was given a territorial base, international recognition and a presidential pulpit. The moment of truth arrived.

Would Arafat use his power to fight for the transformation of Palestinian society? Would he use his political capital to convince

**Any attempt to focus attention on the Palestinian Covenant risks bringing ridicule**

opinion makers, journalists, teachers and other influential Palestinians to end their decades-long struggle against the very existence of the Jewish state? Thus far, the reality has been sorely disappointing.

Arafat pays lip service to peace in the English-speaking press, while his speeches in Arabic are laced with calls for a holy war to reconquer Palestine and Jerusalem. Far from promoting national reconciliation, official Palestinian TV broadcasts programs with school-children praising jihad and idolizing suicide bombers.

I am certainly not naive as to believe that changing Palestinian attitudes will be easy for Arafat and the Palestinian leadership. But peace between peoples engaged in a violent struggle for nearly a century is not as simple as a handshake on the White House lawn. Genuine peace is something for which Arafat must fight. In the area that is most important – preparing his people for genuine peace with Israel – Arafat hasn't even tried.

In the current negotiations with the Palestinians, the context in which this issue arises is the PLO

Covenant, which calls for Israel's destruction. That the PLO Covenant has not been changed, despite Arafat's commitment to do so, calls into question the Palestinians' willingness to make the transformation from war to peace.

I am aware that with each passing day of the Oslo process, after endless negotiating sessions and technical issues, the importance of which are lost on the public, any attempt to focus attention on the Palestinian Covenant risks bringing ridicule.

With the next redeployment and the continuation of a long-stalled process seemingly within reach, calling for a change in the covenant may seem a meaningless obstacle. And so I am asked about my willingness to stop the entire peace process because of a piece of paper.

This question misses the point. If Arafat and the Palestinian leadership were taking other steps that mark the transformation from war to peace, the covenant might truly be "a piece of paper." Whether by inculcating the value of peace in their children's educational curricula and TV programs, championing peace in Arabic speeches on Palestinian TV, or publicly denouncing extremism, there are countless ways to promote reconciliation. But so far, we have witnessed only the opposite.

As it now stands, demanding that the Palestinians fulfill their obligation to change their covenant is the only instrument that Israel has to insist that the Palestinian people begin a genuine transformation.

That is also why the Israeli government must continue to insist that it be changed by the supreme governing body, the Palestinian National Council, and not by means of a technical formality. Only this body can generate the type of national, open debate that can bring the message of change to every Palestinian household.

If Arafat were to wage this battle to change the Palestinian Covenant and promote reconciliation between Palestinians and Israelis, he would find a much more amenable Israeli government and Israeli nation. If he is unwilling to wage this battle, the tragic probability is that the opportunity for real peace will pass this generation by and one can only hope that the next generation of Palestinian leadership will encourage the transformation that this one refused to promote.

## The great escape

DAVID NEWMAN

The opposition parties may be calling for early elections, but they are lucky that Israeli law does not permit the Knesset to be dissolved and new elections held in anything less than 60 days. Were an Israeli government able to call a snap election, then the opposition would have to fear this festive period.

It is very simple – a large proportion of its natural electorate are simply nowhere to be seen.

Since the eve of Rosh Hashana, and through to the end of the Succot period, the country's population undergoes a major social and religious transformation. Were elections to be held during this period, the religious parties would probably end up with many more seats than they have at present, while the secular parties of the Left would suffer an embarrassing meltdown.

One only has to pay a visit to the airport to see what is happening. Religious Jews from throughout the world increasingly flock in their thousands to Israel during this period.

For the religious, there is no better time to visit Israel than during the festive period. The tattered atmosphere, the markets for the four species and the absolute silence of Yom Kippur is special. It is, for them, what a Jewish state is all about.

The planes bringing this modern form of religious pilgrim to Israel do not leave empty. They too are bursting to the seams as secular Israel escapes from, what they see, as the excessive imposition of religious customs and traditions.

If they could be left alone to carry on their own lives it would be fine. But they see the state as intruding into their own secular lifestyles and forcing public religious celebration upon them. So, instead, they have decided to escape in their thousands to just about anywhere else on the face of the globe. Anywhere, that is, where life goes on as normal, where shops, libraries, theaters and coffee shops are open. Anywhere where they do not feel the intrusion of religion and clericalism.

SOMETHING must be wrong if tens of thousands of Israelis was nothing else than to flee the country during this period. It is not, as the Orthodox groups in their normal expression of self-assured piety are quick to declare, that they are "anti-religious." Rather, it is because the festivals mean absolutely nothing to them, even as a cultural experience.

For so many who celebrate multi-culturalism, and bemoan the lack of cultural diversity and pluralism within an increasingly theocratic Israel, they reject the cultural traditions of other Jews. While the religious and cultural traditions of other groups are quaint and interesting, those professed by religious Jews are, for them, little short of an embarrassment.

While, in recent years, alternative forms of religious worship have been growing, as witnessed by the advents for Masorti, Reform and Reconstructionist communities in Israel, these largely speak to immigrant communities, particularly those from the west, rather than to the Israeli-born *sabra*. But these communities still face a long battle until they are finally recognized for what they are – an alternative, less coercive, form of religious celebration.

The Orthodox reject them for being frauds, while the secular reject them for being religious. For the Israeli secular, any form of religious worship – be it Orthodox or Reform – is religion, and religion is, by their definition, negative.

It is a sad comment on Israel at 50 that the state which was established as a place in which all Jews would find their place, and would be able to celebrate Jewish traditions in the way that they each saw fit, has become a place where hundreds of thousands of people are frightened away by the mere mention of religion, custom or tradition.

For their part, the Orthodox must take their part of the blame, rather than simply sneer at those who temporarily escape to alternative pastures. By maintaining their gridlock on the interpretation of religion, they have effectively denied others the right to develop, as a national celebration of religious and cultural diversity, their own alternative meanings and practices for these ancient religious traditions.

Just as the Orthodox are able to celebrate these traditions as part of the public domain to an extent unheard of in two thousand years of Diaspora, so too should they be prepared to assist others, put off by the rigidity of the Orthodox interpretation, to publicly celebrate their own forms of religious/cultural worship.

Perhaps then more Israelis would opt to stay at home during

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### FLAWED RELIGIOUS REASONING

Sir - Herb Keinson's feature on the Ma'aleh Hahamisha conference on secular-religious relations, "Another attempt to bridge the great divide" (October 2), reveals the flawed reasoning that underlies much of the discussion that goes on at these get-togethers.

First of all, they seem to assume that the entire issue is encompassed by the triangle of North Tel Aviv secular intellectuals, Bnei Brak haredim and the "messianic" national religious.

Missing in this equation are the Sephardim, who represent a majority of Israel's Jewish population. The secular, traditional, national religious and haredi elements of the Sephardic population coexist in far greater harmony than their counterparts within the Ashkenazi iron triangle.

This explains to some extent why Shas can gain wide acceptance in non-Orthodox Sephardic circles, while the National Religious Party and Agudat Yisrael find little acceptance outside of their own.

Secondly, why do so many secular intellectuals stoutly insist that the real threat of religious coercion lies with the national religious camp and not with the "moderate, pragmatic haredim?"

I don't know where Ephraim Yuchtman-Yair (secular) and

Shmuel Jakobovits (haredi) get their facts, but every survey I've seen indicates that the national religious are more liberal than the haredim on every count, whether it be respect for secular-dominated institutions, belief that secular Jews have values, unwillingness to impose religious practice, ideological self-definition (center/left/right) or even whether to trust the Arabs' peaceful intentions.

Jakobovits's claim of greater religious/political moderation on the part of the haredim can be put down to healthy political instincts: the haredim need allies to help relieve their pressing problems of obtaining housing, school buildings and general economic sustenance.

As for Yuchtman-Yair's opinions, they seem to be just another excuse to keep the national religious out of the areas once believed to be the exclusive domain of the secular Left: the senior military ranks, academics, the arts and the media.

A new generation of national religious Jews are pressing for a foothold in these areas and the secular Leftists frequently cite their rivals' "extremism" as the excuse for holding them back.

ZEEV GOLIN

Rehovot.

### THE APPROPRIATE AUTHORITY

Sir - Michael Marmor in "Hillul Hashem" (October 2) brands stone-throwing by youths at automobiles on Yom Kippur as "hillul Hashem." Literally translated as the desecration of God's name...

The stone-throwers he describes as "bored kids" may actually regard driving on Yom Kippur as hillul Hashem to which they are responding. But a hillul Hashem is hardly a way to resolve this behavior by "kids," which Marmor extraordinarily cites as an index of Israel's condition after 50 years of Israel's sovereignty.

A key lesson of the New Year-Yom Kippur period is that both private and communal grievances should be addressed to the appropriate authority to achieve resolution. Unnecessarily invoking God's name and engaging in the rhetoric of moral indignation won't address problems but can provoke *sinat hinam*, unwarranted hate.

Marmor reports police were in place to protect the motorists. But he doesn't report arrests. Surely, a crucial question is whether the police's authority is fully used with respect to the stone-throwers. If not, why not? Stone-throwers are hoodlums dangerous to humans, and should be arrested and tried.

Dr. JOSEPH LERNER

Jerusalem.

## FROM OUR ARCHIVES

50 years ago: On October 7, 1948, *The Palestine Post* reported that the Central Committee representing the Jewish "illegal" immigrants to Palestine who were detained at Cyprus called Mr. Trygve Lie, UN General Secretary, protesting the "inhuman attitude" of British guards who murdered Shlomo Haimson.

declared a hunger strike and a day of mourning.

25 years ago: On October 7, 1973, *The Jerusalem Post* reported that Israel forces contained the invading Egyptian and Syrian units which crossed into Sinai and the Golan Heights under heavy artillery and air cover. This joint attack began just before 2 p.m. on October 6, timed deliberately for Yom Kippur. The

Cabinet decided not to preempt for political and military reasons. According to Defense Minister Moshe Dayan Israel was fighting an estimated 350,000 troops on both fronts. The Egyptians had 2,000 tanks, 1,500 artillery pieces and 700 planes ready, while the Syrians mobilized 800 tanks and 800 guns along the front.

Alexander Zvielli

50 years ago



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Action game: Help Hercules reach Olympus

## Games for the gods



By Judy Siegel-Itzkovich

**Disney:** *Hasipppurim Hametzuyarim Matzigm Et Hercules (Disney: The Animated Stories Presents Hercules)*, a CD-ROM in Hebrew, translated from the original English by Makhshevet, for Windows 3.1 or 95 and Mac, for ages three through eight, at software stores and from Media Direct (03-6388994), NIS 188.  
Rating: ★★1/2★☆☆

**Disney:** *Mis'hekei Hape'ula Matzigm Et Hercules (Disney: Action Games Presents Hercules)*, a CD-ROM in English (with a Hebrew instruction manual), distributed by Makhshevet, requires Windows 95, for all ages, NIS 199.  
Rating: ★★★★★

What could be more boring for (nearly) 21st-century kids than learning about Greek mythology and its anthropomorphic gods atop Olympus?

On second thought, what could be more exciting than taking on the persona of Hercules – the son of Zeus, king of the gods, and his wife, Hera, who was sent down to earth to fight emissaries of the evil Hades before being allowed to take his rightful place among the gods?

Makhshevet, which says it invested \$150,000 in dubbing the first program, could have spent its money better; the second program, which is so riveting that I could hardly pry my sons and daughter away from it, required no translation of the dialogue or text, only the production of an 18-page instruction booklet in Hebrew.

Both pieces of software are based on Disney's animated film *Hercules*. We missed the movie, but the two disks show short undubbed video clips from it.

The first program, *Animated Stories*, tells the film's storyline, presents some of its original songs and offers five mostly pedestrian games based on the theme. The story of Hercules is told by a chorus of animated Muses dressed in low-cut gowns and swaying like the Supremes, while a blue Hermes plays the part of the messenger to the gods.

Hercules is born and the gods on Olympus – Apollo, Poseidon, Aphrodite and Athena – present the baby with gifts, such as the white-winged horse Pegasus, which comes in handy as a means of transportation. But Hades's emissaries turn Hercules into a human, fearing that the baby will prevent Hades from taking over Olympus, and the infant is sent to a human couple on earth.

Confused about his identity, an 18-year-old Hercules seeks help at the temple of Zeus, where the god comes to life, reveals he is Hercules's father and presents his son with a medallion. Zeus explains to Hercules his mission – to become a hero by fighting the evil Hades on earth.

There's a happy ending, of course, as in all Disney products: Meg, a nice girl who had the misfortune of serving as assistant to Hades, is saved by falling in love with our hero. She's even willing to go to the netherworld to save him. But in the end it is Hercules

who saves the damsel in distress before she's crushed to death under a pillar, and they marry.

Along the way there are the games: Click on the head, chest and legs of a figure to produce different monsters; match identically colored hydra heads and Hercules will kill them with a rock; get Hercules up to Olympus by clicking on a snakes-and-ladders type maze of fire and smoke.

The most enjoyable game was a glorified checkers match that pits Hercules against Hades. There's a real board on the screen (playable at three levels of difficulty), and you move your pieces by clicking on them.

But the games are nothing special, and once you go through the story a few times it becomes tiresome, even though the graphics are very good.

THE second disk, which uses the theme as an action game, is superb – in another class altogether. Although it's not educational, it's very entertaining and promotes eye-hand coordination and strategic thinking without being gory or sadistic.

There are 10 escapades that Hercules must go through – a sort of obstacle course on the way to Olympus. The player can use either a joystick/gamepad or the right-hand arrow keys to propel our hero in the right direction and a few left-hand strokes to help him jump, manipulate his sword or blow up obstacles in his path.

Hercules encounters Cyclops, a Minotaur, Hydra, Medusa and other monsters, skeletons, vultures, midgets and sharks; with the player's help he overcomes them all by running, climbing, jumping and showing impressive acrobatic skills.

Along the way, the player must collect mysterious Greek vases representing secret passwords and the letters which make up Hercules's name. The level of play can be set in advance on a 1-3 scale.

The three-dimensional animation and graphics – including street scenes from ancient Thebes – are rich in detail and quite breathtaking. The strength of the major creatures Hercules encounters is shown on a "power gauge" that helps you figure out how much power he needs to fight back; Hercules becomes momentarily transparent when injured and can die several times – there won't be a funeral if you're careful to avoid the pitfalls.

The purple hydra is especially challenging: Click to stab him in the neck with Hercules's sword. If you succeed, two or three new heads appear, each of which has to be cut off, producing a spurt of green blood. When you've cut off 10 heads, the hydra is defeated. Medusa spouts laser-like radiation to melt stone pillars; put a mirror in its way and it burns itself out.

Finally, after helping Hercules to run what seems like kilometers – crossing a road full of chariots and frightened pedestrians and avoiding a shower of boulders – he reaches the Cyclops, who is overcome when fire is thrown into his single eye.

Hercules has earned his stripes, and he is ready to reach the mountain of the Titans (creatures of ice, lava, rock and wind sent by Hades), where he overcomes all his enemies and joins Zeus and the other Greek gods. After hours of assisting him (one can go through his escapades time after time without getting bored), any player deserves an Olympian rest on his or her laurels.

# A bit of outside help in doing what comes naturally

### Who gets to define what good parenting is? State-sponsored instruction for new moms and dads in the US is sparking controversy even while it brings comfort, Melissa Healy reports

The problem with babies is that they come without operating instructions. But what nature has omitted, politicians and government officials are increasingly trying to provide.

From Los Angeles to Boston, states and local communities are scrambling to teach new parents the skills – from diapering to discipline – that many say they lack when a newborn arrives home.

So far, 25 states have adopted "parenting" programs that bring both comfort and controversy.

In Georgia, Democratic Gov. Zell Miller has arranged to give all new moms and dads a classical music CD or tape to play to their newborns. Colorado's Democratic Gov. Roy Romer has created an army of welcome wagon-style volunteers to deliver gifts and information to new parents.

Under former Republican Gov. William F. Weld in Massachusetts, nurses and trained social workers began educational home visits to expectant teens, instructing them on what their children would need to grow and develop, and how to steer clear of neglectful or abusive treatment.

And in Texas, a parent education program is tailored to the needs of the Latino culture.

The initiatives have been inspired by new brain research demonstrating that children's intellectual growth can be irreversibly stunted without adequate stimulation in the early years, and by studies showing that a child's relationship with his or her parents has a lifelong effect on physical, intellectual and social well-being.

Many states are also investing in parenting classes as a way to break the cycle of welfare dependence.

By inculcating good child-rearing skills in parents – especially those at greatest risk of welfare dependence, such as teenage and low-income parents – many state officials hope that they can bolster the family and inoculate the children against such factors as school failure, domestic violence and early pregnancy that could later land them on the dole.

THE efforts are not universally acclaimed. Some conservatives

distrust the idea of state-sponsored instruction on such controversial issues as spanking, seeing it as a curb on parental authority. And some minority community activists chafe at programs they see as thrusting middle-class values on populations with their own traditions, or that face a daily struggle just to get by.

The resulting exchange strikes at the heart of Americans' most personal decisions and most private insecurities: What is good parenting, anyway, and can it be learned? Should all parents get the program, or, in a world of limited resources, should the neediest alone have access? Finally, who gets to define what good parenting is?

"Sometimes I find that just the word 'parenting' is something parents don't like," said Delores Fuller, who leads group classes and conducts home visits for the nation's oldest and most broad-based parenting program, Minnesota's Early Childhood Family Education, or ECFE. "They get offended, feeling like you're judging, that they don't know, that they don't have good ideas."

Fuller, a mother of three, knows how that feels. A dozen years ago, when she arrived in St. Paul's low-income and ethnically diverse Frogtown neighborhood, she went looking for a preschool program for her young son and was invited to join a parenting class. She attended grudgingly at first, keeping her mouth closed and her arms folded.

Before long, Fuller said, she was drawn in by the camaraderie of other parents. "I started feeling connected," she said. As her confidence grew, she began speaking up and found that fellow parents appreciated her observations. At home, Fuller found that the weekly exchange of perspectives was making her a more thoughtful,

more encouraging parent – with more thoughtful and responsive kids.

"I started for him," she said, referring to her son Desean, who is now 15. "But it ended up being for me."

The 25-year-old ECFE program is offered to every parent in the state with a child younger than five. And for all but a small handful who are referred by family court judges to the program, participation is strictly voluntary.

Available in each of the state's 350 school districts and in four tribal schools, the program teaches new parents everything from how to stimulate babies' brain

they amount to government meddling in the lives and decisions of American families.

ECFE officials see the program as helping to assimilate immigrants from lands as distant as Somalia and Laos.

At a special ECFE class in Frogtown, officials from Minnesota's Department of Child Protective Services, with help from a pair of translators, painstakingly laid out the state's definition of child abuse for five new mothers from Mexico and a mother from Vietnam with six children.

As the young women passed around Francisca Ramirez's three-month-old infant for cuddles, they commiserated about the hardships of raising children far from their own mothers. And they praised the lessons they have learned at ECFE, including the distinctive American custom of removing a misbehaving child briefly to a quiet place to work out a tantrum or ponder an infraction.

"Now I use it," says Marta Bonilla, a 24-year-old mother of two pre-schoolers, of the practice known as "time-out," or "a fuera." "It's easier, and my children listen to me more."

Not everyone is convinced that the programs work – or that the research is conclusive.

"What I see in the field is a number of studies that are quasi-experimental," said David Olds, who in 1978 launched a small program of home visits to new parents in Elmira, N.Y. "The field is in its infancy when it comes to rigorous research."

Olds' program of intensive home visits teaches new and expectant parents a wide range of skills, among them how to interpret and respond to their babies' cries, to recognize developmental delays and, more simply, how to play with children. It has been

replicated in Memphis, Tenn., as is Denver. Under a Justice Department crime-prevention grant, the model Olds pioneered in upstate New York has been extended to 14 low-income communities.

Olds' approach to parent education underscores a deep divide within the community of experts over which parents are most likely to benefit from such support and whether public funding should be used to teach all parents or just some of them. Minnesota's program is open to all parents, pre-schoolers. But most of the newest initiatives elsewhere are offered only to low-income parents, who are seen as needing extra support in their role as nurturers.

BUT when poor people are only ones to get parenting programs, politically explosive questions arise: Do poor people have poor parents, more prone to abuse and neglect their children? Are their kids more likely to fail in school, commit crimes, become pregnant as teens or turn to welfare?

The plain fact, Olds said, is that most of the social ills parenting programs are designed to redress are more prevalent in low-income families.

Olds warned that "universal access" programs like Minnesota's are not likely to provide the same "bang for the buck" as parenting programs that are targeted to needier families.

When funds are scarce, the universal access initiatives tend to spread a thin layer of service over great numbers of people. Olds said. And the best-equipped parents, whose children are likely to be fine anyway, soak up the funding.

In the end, the big question one that both politicians and researchers in time will have to answer: Do parenting programs work? Are the children of Minnesota, Garrison Keillor's fabled land of Lake Wobegon really "all above average"? Or does the state's long-run experiment in parental training make them that way? (LA Times)

**The mere word 'parenting' can offend parents. 'They feel like you're judging... that they don't have good ideas' – Delores Fuller, class leader**

growth with books and games to help to recognize signs of delayed development or make toddlers behave.

AN independent assessment conducted by Mueller Associates of Minneapolis in 1994-95 found that ECFE significantly increases parents' knowledge of child development and confidence in their child-rearing decisions.

But critics, especially social conservatives, dispute the value of such programs and charge that

## The 'workplace withdrawal' syndrome



By Ruth Mason

If you look through the pages of *The Jerusalem Post's* weekend supplements, you'll see support groups listed for just about everything. But you won't see one for stay-at-home moms.

Most mothers in Israel get short maternity leaves and go back to work when their babies are quite young.

At a time when most mothers are working, it's difficult for women who want to stay at home to make the decision not to go back to work. Some buckle to financial pressures, others feel they won't have anyone (adult) to talk to all day.

That's how Joanne Brundage, an Elmhurst, Illinois, mother, felt when she decided to quit her job as a postal carrier after the birth of her second child. She placed an ad in her local paper looking for other formerly employed moms who wanted and needed to connect.

A meeting at Brundage's home resulted in the creation of F.E.M.A.L.E., Formerly Employed Mothers At Loose Ends, which later changed its name to Formerly



Mom at home: But after she's wiped and comforted, played and petted, she needs adults to talk to – and he needs other children to play with. (Israel Talby)

Employed Mothers at the Leading Edge.

That was 11 years ago. F.E.M.A.L.E. now has 115 chapters in 30 states in the US. Women meet to share friendship, concerns and a sense of community. They form discussion groups, talk about books, have guest speakers, form play groups and babysitting co-

ops, and organize moms' nights out.

The organization functions as a support group for women who have interrupted their careers to raise their families and acts as an advocacy group for employment and family issues. The group does not oppose mothers working outside the home, and includes in its

membership both full-time and part-time working moms.

F.E.M.A.L.E.'s mission statement says that "regardless of how women come to the decision to stay home or what they did in their former lives, they grapple with most of the same emotions and reactions in going from paid work to at-home work."

"They experience a loss of identity, self-esteem, direct feedback and structure; an abandonment from family friends and former co-workers need to redefine their roles; familial and marital relationships, and the relinquishing the security and pleasures of financial autonomy."

At an organizing meeting of a local American chapter, one member declared: "The hardest thing for me was not having an outlet. Mothers need to be with other mothers, and children need to be with other children."

Another described her dilemma: "wandering the street, my subdivision hoping to find another mother to talk to – but fully one with a child the same as mine." A third described empty neighborhood as "the light zone." Some members describe having found sisters, an extended family.

Founder Brundage F.E.M.A.L.E. helps women in the transition from the workplace to the home. "Support, network, and socializing are important to maximize one's personal growth and happiness," she says.

The organization publishes a monthly newsletter, F.E.M. Forum, and a quarterly newsletter, *The Leader's Edge*, for local chapter leaders.

Mothers in Israel wanting information or thinking of starting a chapter can contact F.E.M.A.L.E. at P.O. Box 101, Elmhurst, IL 60126, Telephone: 001-708-941-355.



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## Corner

Gardener's



By Batsheva Mink

If Halloween and Thanksgiving have a special place in your heart, then you probably are one of the few who run around from store to store each fall looking for a whole pumpkin to carve into a jack-o'-lantern or mash up into pie.

Most of us regard the pumpkin as a vegetable, but botanically it is considered the world's largest fruit. There are four species of pumpkin, but only one would be recognized by most people as the additional fruit so sought after on Halloween.

Nowhere in the world will you find this species growing wild and its origin is shrouded in mystery. At the time of the discovery of the pumpkin was grown in Peru and by the North American Indians as long as 2,000 years ago.

The truth is that the entire gourd family, to which the pumpkin belongs, is in a state of considerable confusion. Squash, zucchini, butternut, inedible ornamentals, acorn, crookneck, and turban varieties are all in this genus.

The pumpkin takes its name from the Latin *Cucurbita maxima* meaning the largest gourd, referring of course to its immense size. Some pumpkins have grown as large as 350kg.

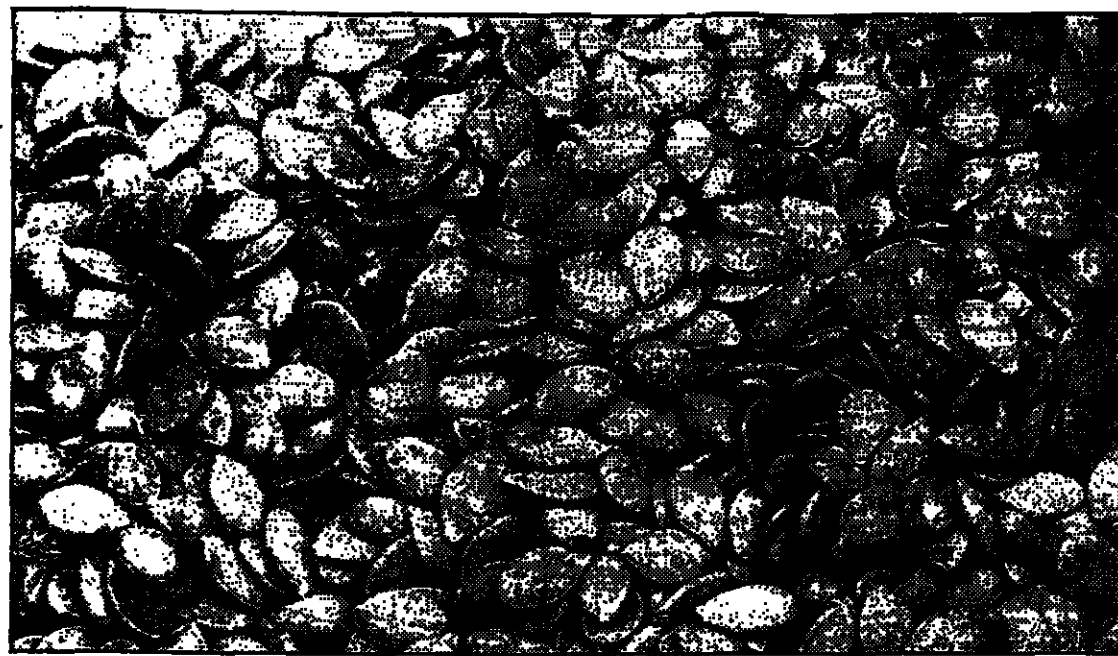
Roughly three-quarters of the pumpkin's nutritional value is concentrated in its big, flat seeds that contain 30 to 40 percent protein and are high in unsaturated fat. If kept on the dry side, they remain edible for years.

The pumpkin has been used to treat wounds, and its seeds have led kidney problems or disordered intestinal worms. An oil from the seeds has helped to heal rashes and cuts. At the turn of the century, many drugstores grew pumpkins in the backyard.

Pumpkins are heavy feeders and benefit from a rich soil high in organic content and water. Raising a whopper or two can consume more than 1,000 liters of water and a lot of fertilizer. You don't have to grow such monsters; a few smaller ones would be much easier to cultivate.

This brings to mind an old gardening friend who used to grow pumpkins for exhibition. They grew so large that he had to move the pumpkin to the truck in a wheelbarrow.

Pumpkins are bushy or trailing annuals which ripen in summer or



(Below) Not a vegetable but the world's largest fruit, maybe 2,000 years old: Pumpkin seeds (above) have been used to treat ailments – kept dry, they remain edible for years. (Miriam Shashman)

late autumn. During the flowering period, large yellow flowers appear on long stalks. These are the male flowers, which usually outnumber female flowers three or four to one.

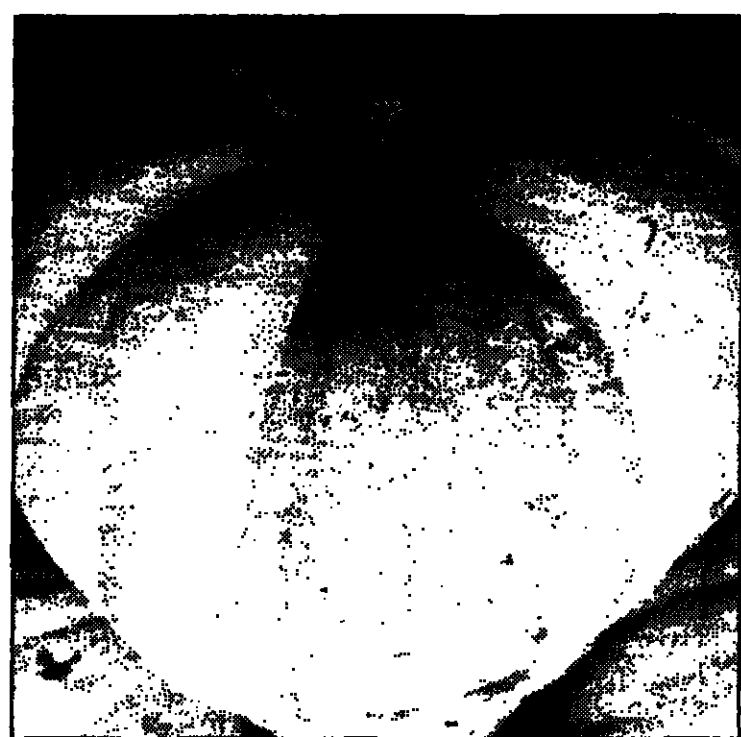
But it is the female flowers, identified by a small, round swelling behind the blossoms, that produce the pumpkins. During the weeks of flowering, one to four males open every day, while a female opens every three to four days. The females are receptive to pollination for about three hours in early morning, after which they begin to wilt. If you don't want to rely on insects to pollinate the female blossoms you can take a soft brush and stroke a little pollen from the male, then gently touch the female flower.

Once the plant has a couple of fruits which are growing steadily, its production of female flowers slows down. Unusually hot weather also slows down the production of female flowers. Once two or three pumpkins start to mature all the nutrients are directed to them and any additional fruits that may be pollinated have little chance of reaching maturity and should be removed.

The more you water and feed, the larger pumpkins will grow. The average gardener can expect fruits around four to eight kilos.

Pumpkins will not become over-ripe like peas or beans, which quickly become starchy and stringy. Leave the pumpkins on the vine until they have color and their stems have become dark green and woody. Pumpkin shells will harden when the weather starts to cool down at night.

Pumpkins can be kept for several months in a cool place as long



as they are not bruised or cut.

If you cannot find pumpkin seeds in a plant nursery you can try a health-food store. They usually sell them unsalted and raw.

## Soil preparation

Pumpkins thrive in any well-drained soil that has been enriched with plenty of humus-rich compost.

## Location

Plant in full sun or light shade.

## Propagation

Sow one or two seeds in small containers of potting compost. Transplant to a permanent position

when there are at least two pairs of true leaves (seed leaves do not count).

Seeds can also be sown directly into the ground as long as the weather has warmed up, especially at night. Sow six seeds and after germination remove all but two of the healthiest plants. In warmer parts of the country they can be grown until very late into the year.

## Cultivation

Pinch out the growing tips of the main shoots of trailing varieties to encourage the production of shoots which will bear the most female flowers.



## Watering

Water regularly during hot weather. Letting the plant run short of water while the fruits are developing will result in small fruits.

## Feeding

Feed once a week with an all-purpose fertilizer. To conserve moisture, mulch the plants with compost about 2 cms. thick.

## Pests

Pumpkin plants are generally not troubled by pests.

## Diseases

Powdery mildew can be a prob-

lem. It shows as a white powdery coating on the leaves and stems. It can be kept under control with a fungicide spray.

Batsheva Mink is a curator at

the Jerusalem Botanical Gardens, Givat Ram.

Your gardening questions and comments are welcome. Contact Batsheva Mink, POB 3943, Jerusalem 91039.

## TIP OF THE WEEK

If you are growing your pumpkin to use as a lantern, be sure to leave several centimeters of stem when harvesting. The stem will dry and act as a handle. To make your pumpkin last longer, apply a protective coating such as petroleum jelly or clear furniture polish after carving. Experts use several coats of lacquer or hair spray, giving the pumpkin a nice glossy finish.

To increase the sweetness of your pumpkins, store them for 2-3 weeks in a cool place.

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## Heads 'N' Tails



By D'vora Ben Shaul

A reader from a moshav in central Israel writes: "My kitchen leads to a back porch and into the garden. It has a screen door, which is kept closed and has a spring, but is not latched.

"My cats - four of them, including a kitten of about three months - all open this door from the outside by pulling it open with a paw and then slipping in.

"Neither of my two dogs has ever mastered this trick. They sit and yap at me, scratch the door and whine, and sometimes fling themselves at the door - but they never open it.

"Why can't they learn this? The kitten could do it at only two months of age."

Welcome to the world of carnivores! The reason lies not in the head, but in the paw.

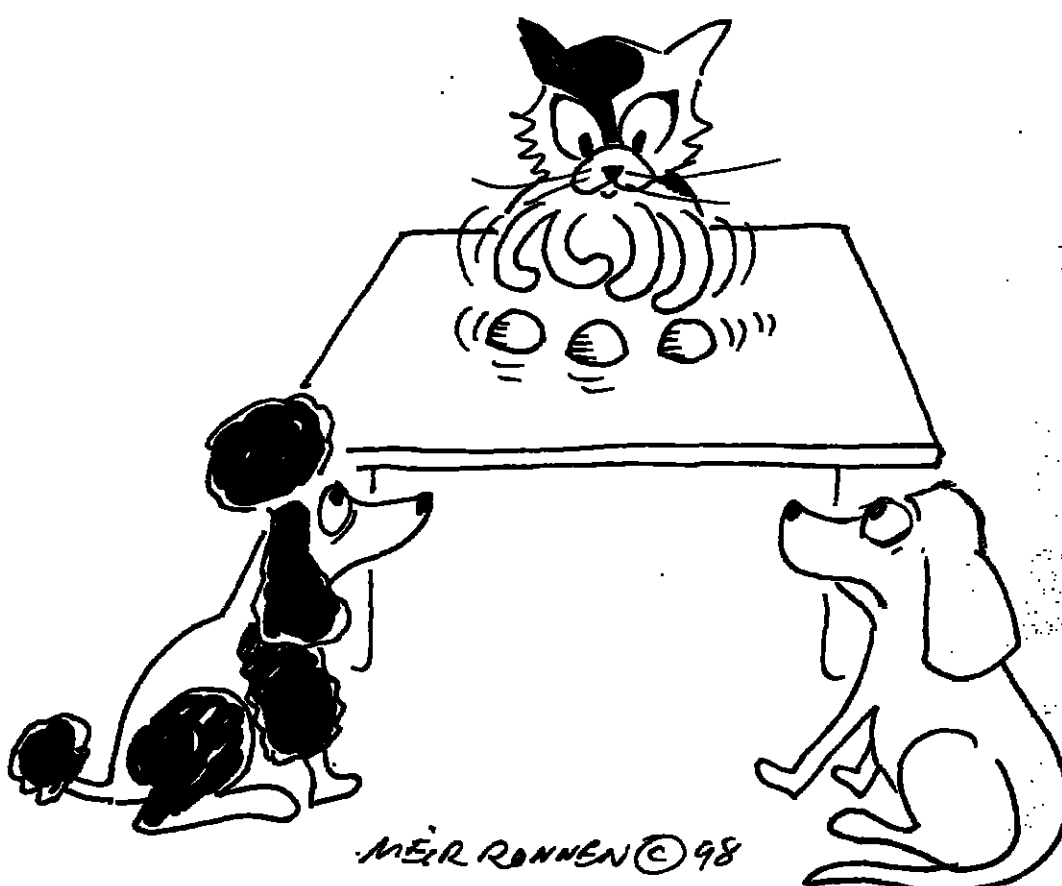
Dogs and all canine-type predators such as wolves, foxes, hyenas and jackals have feet built for running down larger prey and attacking it with their teeth, and for digging. At this sort of thing they are far more adept than a cat.

Cats, on the other hand, are designed for catching small prey with their paws and only then employing their teeth to kill.

Thus using a paw to pull, push, flip things over, investigate strange objects or immobilize prey is a feline specialty.

Cats are experts at quick, deft paw movements aimed at achieving their objectives. For them, opening a door is a simple matter. Out of sheer instinct, they do something a dog would never think of - simply hooking a paw to the

## When 'superiority' is just a case of paws vs. jaws



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door's edge and pulling it open.

The degree to which this specialization is species-specific can be seen in any good nature film.

Lions and tigers, leopards and ocelots and all the other cats use their paws far more than their jaws in taking down prey. With them, the bite to the neck is really just the coup de grace of the entire affair.

In contrast, canines such as wolves and jackals go for prey with their strong jaws and teeth. (This makes cheetahs, for instance, doubly interesting, because although they have many

features that strongly resemble cats, their paws are strictly for running and not for manipulations.)

But even cats need practice in order to really learn what they can do with their paws.

I recently watched my own kitten playing with the tiny plastic cap from a bottle of oil which I had dropped and then couldn't find. The cap was small and flat, but she quickly learned how to flip it into the air with a paw. She then spent long periods shoving it under a large floor cushion and fishing it out with one paw from a place she couldn't see into.

All this was by way of prepara-

tion for her real work in life: being a skillful, adroit little hunter of mice and other small prey - though so far she has only hunted bottle caps and beetles.

Each animal is anatomically specialized for its own particular life style, and each is superior in its own way.

I do, however, thank heaven that the cat, with its already exceptional ability to use its paws for manipulation, never developed an opposable thumb. Had it done so, we primates might have found some pretty tough competition in getting to the top of the evolutionary tree.

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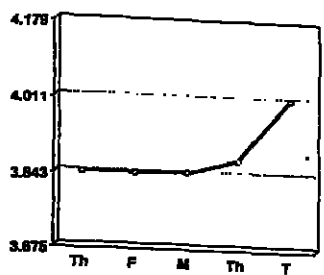
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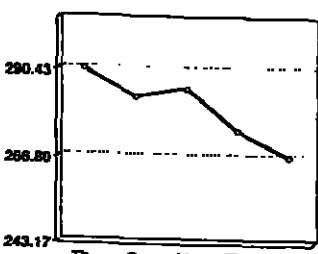
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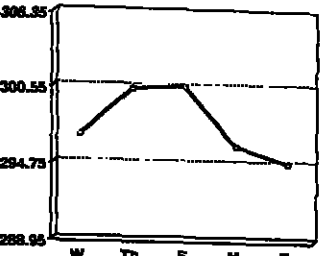


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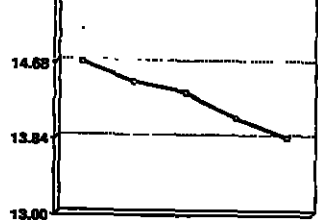
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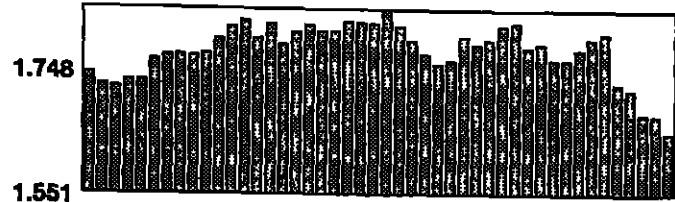


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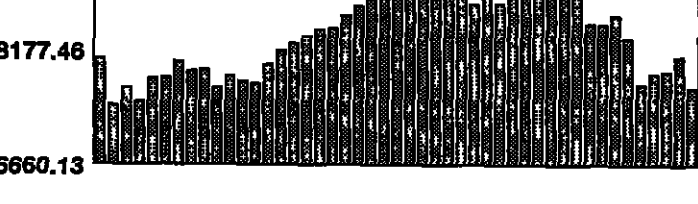


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### Electricity prices up

Electricity prices will rise today by 3.85 percent, in accordance with a decision by the Electricity Public Utilities Authority, mainly due to a sharp increase in fuel prices in September.

The authority considers the updating of electricity prices once every six months, and can raise rates if the basket of inputs rises by at least 3.5%. Since October 1997, electricity prices were reduced by 5.74% in real terms by the authority. *Nina Gilbert*

### Linat supports more Internet providers

Communications Minister Limor Livnat has adopted the recommendations of a committee she appointed to promote Internet services; the main conclusion is to license telecommunications companies to supply speedy connections to the Web, in addition to the existing Internet companies.

The committee was headed by Avi Rahav, director of the ministry's engineering and licensing branch. It looked into technological, economic and regulatory aspects of the Internet, especially its infrastructure. It also explored ways of increasing competition, lowering rates and setting a Hebrew-language standard.

The committee recommended that e-mail addresses be set in a way that users could switch from one provider to another without having to change their address. To increase competition, the committee recommended structural separation between licensed Internet providers and a requirement that every provider must serve anyone wanting the service. Bezeq would be allowed to offer a basket of rates for its subscribers to choose from in addition to basic rates. The entire report can be found on the ministry's Internet site at [www.moc.gov.il](http://www.moc.gov.il). *Judy Siegel*

### Motorola sees semiconductor sales rising

Motorola Inc., the world's third-largest semiconductor maker, said it sees a turnaround in industrywide chip sales next year with increases of 7 percent to 9%, compared with an 11% drop in 1998.

The company, which also is the No. 1 maker of cellular phones, said prices for chips, which account for about a quarter of its revenue, are moderating from their sharp declines and that it is shipping several new digital phones.

The Schaumburg, Illinois-based company is wrestling with a worldwide slowdown in sales of semiconductors, which account for about a quarter of its revenue. *Bloomberg*

## Neeman: World crisis offers opportunities for Israel

By DAVID ZEV HARRIS and Bloomberg

Not only is Israel fully equipped to weather the world economic crisis, it is also well placed to take advantage, Finance Minister Yaakov Neeman said this week. He is attending the International Monetary Fund and World Bank annual meetings.

However, a report published yesterday by the Manufacturers Association suggests the slowdown is worsening, with increased job losses and a downturn in exports.

Neeman believes in recent years Israel has "implemented correct economic policies, which have built up breakers against the storm which is currently affecting the world's markets."

The Israeli economy is no longer in the process of awakening but is "alert and mature," he added.

While Neeman did not go into further details, economists explained that includes purchasing cheaper imports from countries experiencing financial crises and also the possibilities for Israeli businessmen to buy companies in those nations.

Overnight, Neeman was scheduled to meet his Dutch, Indian, and Hungarian counterparts, while later today he will hold talks with International Monetary Fund Vice President Stanley Fischer and tomorrow with World Bank President James Wolfensohn.

US Treasury Secretary Robert Rubin, meanwhile, issued a rare rebuke to the two organizations managing the bailouts of East Asia and Russia, saying the IMF and World Bank must stop bickering and cooperate more.

"It is past time to put aside institutional

rivalries unbefitting public institutions with the same shareholders," Rubin said in a prepared statement to a World Bank advisory panel. "The IMF and World Bank must evolve to meet the new demands of the global economy. All of us must work together."

His comments came as he tries to wring an extra \$17.9 billion for the cash-strapped IMF from the US Congress, where House Republicans are accusing the IMF of botching the bailouts.

While Rubin didn't elaborate on what friction he was referring to, the deterioration of emerging markets has changed the role of the World Bank, which traditionally has emphasized long-term lending for anti-poverty projects.

The bank is increasingly being called upon to disburse IMF-style loans to help

countries stabilize currencies, pay off short-term debt, and revamp banking and financial systems. Some executives at the bank are uncomfortable about that shift.

Wolfensohn took a swing at critics yesterday, downplaying differences with the IMF and urging their shareholders let them get on with their work.

"We are fighting a crisis," Wolfensohn said. "I don't give two seconds thought to the restructuring of the relationship with the fund. I cannot honestly understand why a central feature of these meetings is bank-fund collaboration and the architecture of the system. It makes nice reading, but I can tell you in terms of my own experience that if I have a problem, I pick up the phone and scream at someone, and if they have a problem with me, they do the same and we sort it out."



### Mexican debtors feel discredited

Mexican bank and credit card debtors symbolically chain themselves together to the railings outside the Interior Ministry as they protest a Supreme Court ruling allowing banks to charge interest on interest. (Reuters)

## Sharansky: Global turmoil threatens trade level

By Jerusalem Post Staff

Industry and Trade Minister Nathan Sharansky has instructed senior ministry staff to find every means possible to ensure present trade levels are maintained with Israel's partners, according to a statement from the ministry.

There is increasing fear that the financial crises in the Far East, Russia and Latin America will further hit Israeli trade.

Last week the ministry's Foreign Trade Administration under its head, Zohar Peri, discussed Israel's trade relationship with Japan in light of that country's present financial problems.

Israel's economic attaché to Tokyo, Elad Levy, told the meeting he will begin organizing Japanese delegations to Israel, particularly in the fields of telecommunications, Internet, biotechnology, software and medical equipment.

Furthermore the ministry, together with the Export Institute and Manufacturers Association will arrange seminars on bilateral trade with Japan and attempt to enter more cooperative ventures with Japanese interests.

Additionally, the ministry wants to build closer links with the Israeli representatives of the Japanese trading giants and also with start-ups based in Japan.

Levy has been given six months to work towards these aims, at which point the situation will be reassessed.

Israeli exports totaled \$398 million during the first half of the year down 23 percent on the same period last year.

## Report recommends coastal islands

By DAVID ZEV HARRIS

It is both economically viable and environmentally benign to begin constructing islands along the coastline, according to the recommendations of an interim report released yesterday by the National Infrastructure Ministry.

The plan to build a series of islands the length of the coastline is a collaborative project between the Israeli and Dutch governments and has so far cost \$2 million, a package approved by Israel last June.

The report was compiled by a

joint committee from the two governments, with the Israeli team headed by Michael Beyth, head of the ministry's earth sciences department. The Israeli team also includes representatives of the Prime Minister's Office, Interior and Environment ministries, Israel Lands Administration, Technion, and Tel Aviv Municipality.

The findings will be formally presented on December 21, with the final report scheduled for March 1999.

At the same time, the Transport Ministry has been studying the possibility of constructing an air-

port on an island off Tel Aviv, which would replace the civilian part of Sde Dov.

"The airport is a separate issue being dealt with concurrently," said a National Infrastructure Ministry spokesman. "The uses of the islands is another discussion; here we're trying to work out the feasibility of actually constructing the islands."

The multibillion dollar project, which would be entirely financed by the private sector, would initially comprise a series of islands to be constructed off Tel Aviv, Haifa, Herzliya, and Netanya.

National Infrastructure Minister Ariel Sharon's original idea was for each island, measuring a square kilometer, to house 20,000 people, provide employment for 10,000, and draw another 20,000 each day for tourism and business. They would be linked to the shore with bridges. Tunnels resting on the sea bed in shallow water would link islands in relatively close proximity. It is estimated each island would cost \$1 billion.

## Arison Group decides not to exercise Hapoalim option

By DAN GERSTENFELD

The Arison-Dankner Group announced yesterday that it has decided not to exercise its option to buy an additional 7.16 percent of Bank Hapoalim from the government.

The Finance Ministry last week rejected a request from the consortium to introduce changes in the options component of its stake in Bank Hapoalim. In addition, Finance Minister Yaakov Neeman announced that the option had been extended until yesterday.

The group, which last year became the bank's controlling shareholder, decided not to realize the option as Hapoalim's shares were traded yesterday at NIS 9.01, while the exercising price was set at NIS 9.90.

Last week, there were rumors that businessman Ted Arison would be the only group member who would consider exercising part of the options, in what was

seen as a symbolic move expressing confidence in the bank. Apparently, Arison since decided

not to do so, in what can be seen as an expression of disappointment over the Treasury's decision.

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# TASE drops for 3rd time in 3 sessions

## Tel Aviv

Stocks on the TASE dropped for the third time in three sessions, led by Bank Leumi and other banks, as the shekel weakened beyond a 1.5 percent devaluation against the dollar set by the central bank.

The Maof Index of the exchange's 25 largest companies fell 2.43% to 266.84. Bank Leumi, Israel's No. 2 bank by assets, fell 3.71% to NIS 5.19, while Israel Discount Bank dropped 4.31% to NIS 3.31.

The dollar crossed the threshold of 4 shekels in interbank trading, strengthening 2.6% against the Israeli currency.

"It's a psychological barrier we've crossed at 4 shekels to the dollar," said Ron Weisberg, a trader at Israel Brokerage and Securities Ltd. "It happened Friday but because of the holiday, this is the first chance we've gotten to react."

The shekel's decline contributed to a fall in bank shares, particularly for Bank Leumi, Weisberg said.

A weakening shekel increases the cost of dollar borrowings for Israeli banks, reduces the value of shekel-denominated assets and may lead to an interest rate rise that could reduce earnings as new loan business falls off.

Israel Discount Bank fell after the government dismissed reports last week it might delay a private sale of a controlling stake in the country's third-largest bank.

Forecasts for slowing world economic growth, which prompted declines in US stocks yesterday, also weighed on the Tel Aviv market, said Weisberg.

UK stocks rose for the first time

in five days, as the benchmark index posted its biggest one-day gain since September 17, 1992. Banks and engineers gained on hopes the Bank of England's Monetary Policy Committee will cut benchmark interest rates this week from 7.50%.

## Europe

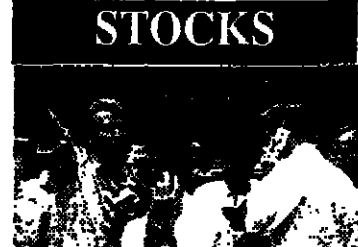
The UK's benchmark FTSE 100 index jumped 205.3 points, or 4.42%, to 4854.05, as Lloyds TSB Group Plc, the UK's fourth largest bank by assets, gained 42.5 pence to 618 and Barclays Plc added 77p to 944. Lower borrowing costs boosted revenue from lending.

"The prospect of the MPC cutting rates" has helped stocks rise, said Gregor Logan, investment director at MGM Assurance, which has £1 billion (\$1.69b) under management.

"The decision is one day closer." A weaker pound is good for exporters as it makes their products more competitive abroad.

"Sterling has weakened and has stayed weak," said Logan. The Office for National Statistics unexpectedly revised up its estimates for average incomes in May and June. While the central bank has cited wage growth as one of its key concerns, investors said the prospect of a slowdown in global growth is likely to alleviate any concern about accelerating inflation.

"Despite the wage inflation figures, there is a possibility of a cut in interest rates," said Dominic Wallington, who helps manage \$1.8 billion at Credit Suisse Asset Management.



**Maof 266.84 ▼ 2.43%**  
**Dow Jones 7743 ▲ 0.22%**  
**FTSE 4854 ▲ 4.42%**  
**Nikkei 13021.64 ▲ 0.57%**

"The MPC is an autonomous body whose purpose is to keep inflation lower, but there might be half an eye cast to the background of the global economy."

"This is an opportunity to dip a toe in," said Wallington. "Some of the banks have been over-hit," he said, highlighting National Westminster Bank Plc, up 54p to 771, and Abbey National Plc, up 64p to 962.

Barclays gained as analysts at Lehman Brothers said it was one of the most undervalued European banks.

British shares received a boost as the Dow Jones Industrial Average, the benchmark index for the world's largest economy, rose 1.08% to 7809.66 by the close of trade in the UK.

## Asia

Japan's benchmark stock index rebounded from its lowest close in

almost 13 years, pacing gains in Malaysian and Thai stocks, following reports the government may pump trillions of yen into the economy to hasten recovery.

Stocks in Australia and Taiwan fell.

Sumitomo Bank Ltd. and Mitsubishi Estate Co. led gains as the Nikkei 225 index rose 73.52 points, or 0.6%, to 13,021.64. The Kuala Lumpur composite index rose 4% to 374.45. Thailand's SET index rose 0.8% to 248.14.

Japanese property and bank stocks were boosted by reports the government is planning its largest public spending budget ever and is about to secure approval of controversial legislation to bolster banks' depleted capital.

Stocks across Asia were held down by declines on Wall Street, raising concern that the US is joining the slowdown.

"Signs the government will 'up its ante' were just enough to scare some of the traders who had been betting against the market," said Sachio Ishikawa, a general manager at Chuo Securities Co.'s equity division. "But nobody believes it can spend its way out of this recession."

Sumitomo Bank gained 4.6% to 940 and Mitsubishi Estate gained 4.3% to 866. The benchmark index closed Monday at 12,948.12, its lowest since January 1986.

A supplementary budget to be implemented early next year will provide for as much as \$10 trillion yen (\$75 billion) in new spending, representing total outlays of as much as 30 trillion yen, Trade Minister Kaoru Yosano told several newspapers. (Bloomberg)

## Wall Street

Stocks ended mixed yesterday with blue chips rallying on hopes of global interest rate cuts, while corporate earnings worries sent big-name technology shares lower for the second straight session.

The Dow Jones industrial average ended up 16.74 points at 7,742.98 after surging more than 150 points early in the day.

In the broader market, declines led advances by a small margin on heavy volume of 841 million shares on the New York Stock Exchange.

The tech-heavy Nasdaq composite index fell 25.87 points to 1,510.82.

"Wall Street is desperately searching for some good news as we had a little bit this morning with an interest rate cut overseas," said Barry Hyman, market strategist at Ehrenkrantz, King, Nussbaum.

"But there is nothing worse than a market that does not hold gains. The market is nervous here about third quarter earnings, and especially about technology," he said.

Blue-chip stocks plunged ahead in early trading, buoyed by strong gains in European stocks following an aggressive 50 basis point cut in Spain's interest rates.

This fueled hopes of further rate cuts in Europe and the US to help lift the gloom of global turmoil.

But most of the selling focused on big technology stocks, particularly market leaders such as Cisco Systems, which fell 2-2/16 to 46-3/16, Dell Computer, off 2-6/16 to 55-5/16 and Microsoft Corp., down 3-9/16 to 97-5/8. (Reuters)

# Mark declines following Spanish rate cut



**Dollar 4.011 ▲ 2.04%**  
**Basket 4.3924 ▲ 1.85%**  
**Mark 2.4501 ▲ 1.71%**  
**Sterling 6.7509 ▲ 0.5%**

reflected in the mark interest rate futures market. The implied yield on the June 1999 contract has tumbled from 3.56% to 3.21% in the past fortnight, suggesting many traders and investors expect a quarter-point cut in borrowing costs early next year.

The European central bank will set a common rate for countries participating in the single currency, the euro, from January 1.

Germany's rate is the second-lowest among the nations joining the euro, after Austria's 3.20%. Italy's key rate is 5%, and Ireland's is the highest, at 6.19%. Spain today cut its benchmark rate by a half point to 3.75% against expectations for a quarter point cut.

The prospect of lower rates hurts a currency since the return on the deposits denominated in that currency also falls.

Speculation is also growing that the US too may cut rates to help bolster the US economy. The Federal Reserve last week cut its target rate for overnight loans between banks by a quarter point to 5.25%.

Recent routs in emerging mar-

kets, such as Brazil, have raised concern about the health of US hedge funds, given their heavy investment in those markets.

"There's anxiety about the US financial system, and US monetary policy is easing because of the recent performance in Latin American financial markets," said Minoru Kobayashi, manager of the foreign bonds investment division at Asahi Mutual Life Insurance Co. in Tokyo. "I'm looking at the dollar with a negative bias in the next few months," he said.

In Japan, meantime, the ruling Liberal Democratic Party said it will present bank legislation to parliament this week aimed to clean up the banking system which is weighed down by as much as \$1 trillion in bad and problem loans. (Bloomberg)

# Gold falls on US, European market rally

## Energy

Crude oil for November delivery fell 17 cents, or 1.1 percent, to \$15.22 a barrel on the New York Mercantile Exchange. Traders were waiting for an inventory report from the American Petroleum Institute, which was to be released after trading yesterday.

While the report was expected to show a decline in US inven-

tories, such a drop could reflect disruptions to production, refining and imports from Hurricane Georges rather than a lower availability of crude. The hurricane disrupted Gulf of Mexico oil activity for about four days that week, beginning September 26.

Abundant supplies of crude so far this year come as the International Energy Agency has reduced its estimates for 1998 world oil demand by 600,000 bar-

## COMMODITIES

**Gold \$294.75 ▼ 1.9%**  
**Crude Oil \$13.84 ▼ 0.23%**  
**CRB 202.14 ▲ 0.07%**

rels a day because of economic slowdowns in many countries.

## Precious metals

Gold for December delivery fell as much as \$2.90, or 1%, to \$296.10 an ounce on the Comex division of the New York Mercantile Exchange.

A rally in US and European stock markets drove gold lower, as equity traders had less need to find

alternative investments. Speculation the International Monetary Fund, one of the world's biggest gold holders, will consider selling some reserves to help needy countries pay debts helped prices fall.

While investors sought gold in recent weeks as a haven against declines in stock markets, renewed concern that government gold sales would flood the market weighed on prices. (Bloomberg)

# US bonds suffer biggest drop in more than a month

US bonds suffered their biggest drop in more than a month, snapping a five-day rally, as record low yields and gains in many stock markets sapped demand for relatively safer government debt. "We've been gradually paring down our long Treasury holdings and continue to do that," after recent gains, said Jack Saunders, of USAA Investment Management in San Antonio, Texas.

The 30-year Treasury bond fell 1 13/32, or \$14.06 per \$1,000 bond, its biggest drop since September 1. Its yield rose 8 basis points to 4.80 percent. The yield dropped to 4.69% yesterday, the lowest for long-term government debt since April 1967. The yield on two-year notes, among the most actively traded

Treasuries, rose 13 basis points to 4.15%.

Treasuries rallied in recent months - driving yields above a percentage point lower since late July - as investors shifted money from tumbling stock markets on concern that economic slow-downs in Asia and emerging markets will drag on growth elsewhere and hurt corporate profit.

Losses at banks, securities firms and hedge funds - as well as the near-collapse and subsequent takeover of Long-Term Capital Management LP by a group of big banks and Wall Street firms - also raised concern about the health of the financial system, bolstering demand for Treasury debt.

"You're losing some of that flight to quality in Treasuries,"

## BONDS

**US 30-year T-bill yield 4.8 ▲ 0.08**

said Joe LaVorgna, an economist at Deutsche Bank Securities Inc. In Europe, many equity markets rose more than 3%, led by a 6% gain in the Swiss Market Index.

Yet while rebounding equities may damp demand for Treasuries, some investors predict yields may yet go lower, given expectations

for crimped corporate profits, slower growth, and no quick fix to problems in Asia, Russia, and Latin America.

"We're seeing a correction in bonds as equities rally, but that's to be expected given the enormous move the other way recently," said Ruairidh MacDonald, of Dresner RCM Global Investors. Still, "nothing has really changed, so I don't think we've seen the end of the flight to quality. The trend toward lower yields is still in place."

Treasuries may also garner support from expectations that US interest rates will fall further in coming months. Last week the Federal Reserve trimmed its benchmark target rate for overnight loans between banks by a quarter-point to 5.25% in a bid

to stop the economic slowdown in Asia and elsewhere from derailing the world's largest economy.

At current levels, all Treasuries yield less than the federal funds rate, a sign the bond market expects more Fed rate reductions. Also pointing to expectations for more rate cuts are futures on Eurodollars, or dollars on deposit outside the US. The securities are among the most sensitive to changes in Fed rate expectations.

The implied yield on the March contract for three-month Eurodollars is now 4.60%, almost 3/4 point below the rate on three-month borrowing. That suggests traders are betting the central bank may lower rates by as much as 75 basis points before the contract expires in mid-March. (Bloomberg)

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# The best view is still from the Grandstand

IT'S time to snuggle up to the coal fire, set the radio to the Home Service and slump into an old armchair with a cup of steaming tea and a scone with butter.

Trips down memory lane don't come any more appropriately timed than this week as BBC Television's *Grandstand* program celebrates 40 years of bringing live sport to the nation.

Launched on October 11, 1958, the program has come a long way since Peter Dimmock got the ball rolling as the first presenter. Names which became more household than Tupperware, like David Coleman, Frank Bough, Des Lynam and latterly Steve Rider, followed Dimmock as anchor men to introduce

every sport imaginable, from bowls to rugby league.

Despite opposition from satellite television's virtual monopoly of live football, and independent stations muscling in on the lucrative rugby union and Formula One markets, *Grandstand* is still able to command a creditable five-million plus audience for its popular *Final Score* weekly football results roundup. Any British sports fan worth his or her salt would undoubtedly point to the tucker-tape sound of the teleprinter as their favorite sound on television.

And the *Football Focus* program with its *Grandstand* is also a huge pull for fans before they either go to a game or settle

down to an afternoon's sport on television. In the old days, the late Sam Leitch would preview the big games in an ill-fitting jacket by stating the obvious very simply: "and now let's see how the teams got on earlier in the season..." His 1998 equivalent Gary Lineker, dressed to kill and with expert summaries from every conceivable angle giving their opinions.

There must be something about *Football Focus* because ITV, who have long since abandoned their *World of Sport* program, famed for presenter

Dickie Davies's coiffured hair-do and all-in wrestling, have recently resurrected *On the Ball*. The football preview program is on just after *Football Focus* and is hosted by Gaby Yorah (daughter of former Leeds midfielder Terry), and former Sunderland defender Barry Venison.

In latter years, the program has scraped the very bottom of the sporting barrel, giving extended live coverage to the likes of world darts and netball. But you could argue that its commitment to these minority sports is its *raison d'être*. After

all, Formula One owes its massive popularity to *Grandstand*'s commitment to the sport in the Eighties when it was much less fashionable.

MEANWHILE, at the top of the Premiership, Aston Villa go from strength to strength under manager John Gregory. In his short reign at Villa Park the team have not lost in 17 Premiership games and after Saturday's impressive victory at Coventry, lead the table by six points.

And in an era where some teams are entirely made up of non-English players, it's nice to report that on Saturday, the 10 outfield players in front of Australian

keeper Mark Bosnich were all English. Saturday's hero Ian Taylor, whose two well-taken goals secured victory in Villa through and through. A fan since childhood, he was on the dole and going nowhere when Villa spotted him. When he is not in the squad for away games, he dons a baseball cap and goes with his mates to wherever Villa are playing, sitting in the stand.

Boss Gregory is completely up-front about his "Buy British" policy. "I don't understand the foreign market like Arsene Wenger. You look at a British player and see someone who can dig it for the last 20 minutes of a game," he told reporters after Saturday's game.

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## SPORTS

in brief

## Stafford ousted from Rabin ATP tourney

Second seeded Grant Stafford of South Africa was the highest seed to fall by the wayside as the first round of action in the \$50,000 Yitzhak Rabin Men's Challenger ATP tournament was completed at Ramat Hasharon yesterday.

Stafford went down 5-7, 7-6(4), 6-3 to Iztok Bozic of Slovenia. Of the Israelis through to the second round, Noam Okun scored a surprise upset win over Davis Cup racket Harel Levy, winning 1-6, 6-3, 6-3. Lior Mor also beat a Davis Cup player, when he disposed of Noam Behr 4-6, 7-6(4), 6-2.

Top-seeded Gianluca Pozzi, a veteran on the tour, was taken to three sets by Amir Hadad, but eventually prevailed 6-3, 4-6, 6-1. Other winners yesterday were Neville Godwin, the third seed, who overcame Israeli wild-card entry Eyal Ran 6-4, 3-6, 6-3 and Lorenzo Manta of Italy who ousted the fifth seed, David Naikin of South Africa 5-7, 6-1, 6-4.

Also making their way through to the second round yesterday were Markus Hantschk (Germany), Vladimir Voltchkov (Belarus), Janne Ojala (Finland), Lars Jonsson (Sweden), Fredrik Jonsson (Sweden), Nenad Zimonjic (Yugoslavia) and Michal Tabara (Czech).

Ori Lewis

## League tail-enders Hull City up for sale

LONDON (Reuters) - Third division Hull City were put up for sale yesterday, with fans calling for the club to be put into receivership and angry owner David Lloyd vowing not to spend any more money on the English league tail-enders.

"The club is for sale," the former British Davis Cup tennis captain told Sky television from Spain. "There is not one single more penny of my money going into the club."

Lloyd, who has been under intense criticism from fans, recognized that without him or a buyer, the club would be unable to stay afloat.

"How can they generate money? I've been their Father Christmas for the last two years. And they want to get rid of Father Christmas," he said angrily.

The club, managed by the former England international Mark Hateley, have just seven points from 11 matches.

## Israel fly to San Marino without R. Harazi

By OFER RONEN-ABELS and ORI LEWIS

Israel striker Ronen Harazi will miss this morning's El Al flight to Rome as his 19 teammates make their way to San Marino for their European Championship qualifying group 5 match on Saturday night.

Harazi looked out of sorts during training at the National Stadium, Ramat Gan last night and pulled up with a groin strain during a practice match with Zafirim Holon which the national team won 4-2.

Harazi was seen having words with coach Shlomo Scharf before boarding the team bus in a buff for their hotel.

Scharf's main problem for the match with San Marino is motivating his players, who know their opposite numbers are classed among the weakest sides in the world.

"They may be one of the worst sides in the world but we still have to go out to beat them, we cannot afford to be complacent," Eyal Berkovic said yesterday. "If we fail to win, the match against Spain (on Wednesday Oct. 14) will have little meaning," Berkovic said.

The team failed to impress in its win over Holon, with none of the players in the squad showing any kind of sparkle against one of the weaker sides in the National League.

Captain Amir Shelah looked particularly weak and was taken off at half time by Scharf. If he fails to start, Haim Revivo will take over the captain's armband.

The three players of whom Scharf expects most, were the ones who scored the goals.



GETTING UP TO SPEED - Israel defenders Amir Shelah (left) and Alon Harazi in team practise at the national stadium yesterday.

(Dan Ossendryver / Israel Sun)

Alon Mizrahi opened in the third minute, with two more from Revivo (7, 23). Ofer Shitrit, who makes his debut in blue and white at 28, and looks certain to partner Mizrahi as second striker against San Marino, sealed the scoreline with a 67th minute penalty.

Tal Banin, who has not been

included in the party to face San Marino will turn up for training with the squad from his home club of Brescia. He was only discarded after failing to play at all in his side's 2-0 league win over Verona on Sunday.

Scharf has not ruled out calling up Banin for the match against

Spain next Wednesday, but he said last night that he would wait until after the match with San Marino before making a decision.

Two players who must watch their play in San Marino are defenders Walid Badir and Alon Harazi. If they pick up a yellow card, they will be suspended for

the match against Spain and Scharf will have to put his thinking cap on to sort out the vacancies in the back line.

Such an eventuality may make Scharf opt for Banin despite his lack of match practice. His value as an inspiration will be invaluable anyway.

## UEFA delay naming cup final venues

LISBON (Reuters) - UEFA will announce the venues of this season's three European club cup finals today, a spokesman confirmed late yesterday.

"The original plan was to announce them today (Tuesday) but time was taken up on the pressing matter of the new European competitions," he said.

UEFA have short-listed 23 stadiums - among them the National Stadium, Ramat Gan for the UEFA Cup final - for the European Cup final on May 26, the UEFA Cup final on May 12 and the European Cup Winners' Cup final on May 19.

The European Cup Winners' Cup Final, which was first held over two legs in 1961, will be played for the last time as the competition is being absorbed into an expanded UEFA Cup from next season.

## UEFA go on offensive with revamped competition

By MIKE COLLETT

LISBON (Reuters) - UEFA threw down the gauntlet to their own clubs, the European Commission and upstart rivals Media Partners when they announced far-reaching plans for the reorganization of European club soccer yesterday.

A bullish Lennart Johansson, the president of European soccer's governing body, said UEFA would introduce an expanded 32-team European Champions' League next season and would merge the European Cup Winners' Cup with the UEFA Cup.

"UEFA will invite all our member clubs to participate but we will not force anyone to be part of our family," Johansson said.

"A private company wanted to take over the best part of our club competitions and have appealed to the European Commission to help them do so but the European Commission can take what decision it likes.

"I am not prepared to sit back and let this happen. We are perfectly entitled to organize our own competitions and will do so - and I am confident our member clubs feel the same way and will be part of them."

In all nearly 200 European clubs would be involved in UEFA's competitions. Even though the Cup Winners' Cup is being discontinued after 38 seasons to be merged into an

expanded UEFA Cup, more clubs than ever would have the chance to play in Europe.

The plans for the Champions' League have been at the center of UEFA's deliberations.

All of Europe's 48 national champions, plus runners-up, third-placed teams and fourth-placed teams from the top nations will be eligible to take part in the competition - a total of 71 teams.

Fifteen teams, plus the previous season's champions, will automatically qualify for the first-round group stage - and they will be joined by 16 survivors from three qualifying rounds played in July and August.

Those 32 teams will then be placed in eight groups of four teams with the top two in each group advancing to a second round of 16 - comprising four groups of four.

The top two teams in those groups will advance to the two-legged quarter-final knockout stage with the winners advancing through to the final.

The two teams who reach the final would have played 17 matches - but if they had won through from the three qualifying rounds they could have played 23 matches in the competition all season.

As now, the losers in the qualifying rounds will switch to the UEFA Cup for the remainder of the season.

## Remaining NBA preseason schedule canceled

NEW YORK (Reuters) - The NBA drew one step closer to the reality of shutting down regular season games due to its contract squabble with the players when it announced Monday the cancellation of its remaining 114 preseason games.

The NBA and its players have failed to make any progress in settling the lockout imposed by NBA team owners on July 1.

"At this point, our teams cannot possibly be ready to play any games before November," said NBA deputy commissioner Russ Granik in a statement released by the league. "It's sad that we have been unable to have any meaningful negotiations."

The league also said that any decisions about the cancellation of regular-season games are expected to be made next week. The two sides are not expected to meet again until tomorrow in New York.

Meanwhile, several NBA players plan to show up at practice sites and workout facilities yesterday to discuss the lockout with fans and media, according to the Players Association.

Dan Wasserman, media relations director for the NBA Players Association, said players from 11 NBA teams were to be at their respective camp sites yesterday to face the media and interact with fans.

Players from the New York Knicks, Washington Wizards, Atlanta Hawks, Milwaukee Bucks, Indiana Pacers, Portland Trail Blazers, Houston Rockets, Denver Nuggets, Miami Heat, Philadelphia 76ers and Charlotte Hornets are expected to turn out.

Both sides are awaiting the ruling of arbitrator John Feenick on a grievance filed by the NBA Players Association hours before the owners imposed the lockout.

The union claims NBA players have guaranteed contracts that should allow them to be paid during the lockout. The NBA contends its actions are entirely legal during a work stoppage.

The owners invoked their right to reopen negotiations on their collective bargaining agreement with the players and are demanding changes to hold down escalating salaries.

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## Champions' League expands to 32 teams

LISBON (Reuters) - UEFA will introduce an expanded 32-team European Champions' League from next season, an increase of eight teams, Lennart Johansson, president of European soccer's governing body, said yesterday.

Johansson also confirmed that the European Cup Winners' Cup, inaugurated in the 1960/61 season, was to be discontinued after this season to be merged with an enlarged UEFA Cup.

## Leicester rebuff Leeds over O'Neill

LONDON (Reuters) - Leicester City rebuffed managerless premier league rivals Leeds United yesterday over a request to approach Martin O'Neill for the Elland Road job.

"Leicester City Football Club confirm that they are the club approached by Leeds United in respect of their football manager Martin O'Neill," the publicly quoted Leicester said in a statement.

"The boards of Leicester City PLC and Leicester City Football Club are resolute in their refusal to allow Leeds United to speak to Martin O'Neill."

Leeds, seeking a replacement for the departed George Graham who has joined Tottenham Hotspur, had earlier announced that they had been denied permission to approach their chosen man, without naming the individual or the club.

Under premier league rules a club may not contact the manager of another club mid-season without the consent of his chairman.

Tottenham chairman Alan Sugar went through the correct channels when he wanted Graham at White Hart Lane. Leeds chairman Peter Risdale gave permission for the two to talk.

Risdale, though, is finding it hard to get his own way.

## Vikings send Green Bay packing

GREEN BAY, Wisconsin (AP) - Thanks to Randall Cunningham and his high-flying receivers, the Green Bay Packers' three-year home winning streak is over and so is their control of the NFC Central.

Cunningham threw for 442 yards and four touchdowns Monday night as the Minnesota Vikings defeated the Packers 37-24 on the muddy turf of Lambeau Field, constantly beating the Green Bay defense with long passes that Randy Moss, Cris Carter and Jake Reed took away from defenders.

It was the first loss for Green Bay after four wins and left the Vikings (5-0) with Denver and Jacksonville as the NFL's only unbeaten teams. And it ended a 29-game winning streak at Lambeau Field by the Packers, who last lost here on Sept. 10, 1995, to St. Louis.

The game was an anomaly for the Vikings, who play indoors but dominated this night in intermittent rain and occasional downpours on a grass field. They rolled up 545 yards against a defense that entered the game ranked No. 1 in the NFL.

Cunningham, the 34-year-old ex-Eagle, who sat out 1996 before signing as a backup with Minnesota last season, had TD passes of 52 and 44 yards to Moss.



Vikings quarterback Randall Cunningham gets off a pass before Packers defensive tackle Gilbert Brown can get to him in first quarter action at Green Bay on Monday.

56 yards to Reed and 24 yards on a screen pass to Robert Smith. Three of the TDs came in the second quarter as the Vikings broke a 3-3 tie to lead 24-10 at halftime.

Cunningham, who was 20-of-31 in gaining the most passing yards ever against the Packers, has 10 TD passes without an interception since replacing Brad Johnson, who broke his right ankle in the second game of the season.

Cunningham also had a 75-yard TD pass wiped out by a holding penalty and had what would have been a 66-yarder slip off the fin-

gers of Moss, the rookie who dropped to 21st overall in the draft because of personal problems. Moss finished with five catches for 190 yards.

Carter had eight catches for 119 yards. Cunningham and his receivers got help from a defense that had allowed 59 points in two previous road games.

Robert Griffith had two interceptions of Brett Favre, Orlando Thomas had a third, and the only Green Bay touchdown until the game was decided came on a 101-

yard kickoff return by Roell Preston. In one key sequence, the Minnesota defense made three consecutive stops on their own 35 when the Packers needed just one yard for a first down.

Backup quarterback Doug Pederson threw an 11-yard touchdown pass to Tyrone Davis with just over three minutes left and a 16-yarder to Bill Schroeder with 45 seconds remaining.

The Vikings gained 330 yards in the first half as Cunningham was 13-of-19 for 282 yards and Moss had three catches for 100 yards.

So dominant were the Packers that the Vikings didn't punt until less than five minutes remained in the game.

Favre finished 13-of-23 for 114 yards with three interceptions.

## AMERICAN CONFERENCE

	W	L	T	Pct.	PF	PA
Minnesota	5	0	0	1.000	166	79
Green Bay	4	1	0	.800	135	101
Tampa Bay	3	2	0	.600	101	101
Chicago	3	2	0	.600	101	101
Detroit	1	4	0	.200	107	138

## NATIONAL CONFERENCE

	W	L	T	Pct.	PF	PA
Atlanta	3	1	0	.750	107	89
New Orleans	3	1	0	.750	89	89
San Francisco	3	1	0	.750	133	101
St. Louis	1	3	0	.250	99	138
Carolina	0	4	0	.000	81	138

Sunday's results: Atlanta 51, Carolina 23; Dallas 31, Washington 10; Chicago 27, Detroit 27; New York Jets 20, Miami 9; New England 30, New Orleans 27; Indianapolis 17, San Diego 12; Buffalo 28, San Francisco 21; Tampa Bay 20, New York Giants 3; Oakland 23, Arizona 20; Dallas 41, Philadelphia 16; Kansas City 17, Seattle 6.

Open: Baltimore, Cincinnati, Jacksonville, Pittsburgh, St. Louis, Tennessee.

Monday's result: Minnesota 37, Green Bay 24.

## They're back! Leyritz, Brown haunt Braves

ATLANTA (AP) - They're a couple of guys who rekindle bad memories for the Atlanta Braves.

Jim Leyritz turned the 1996 World Series with a three-run homer, and the New York Yankees went on to beat the Braves in six games.

"Some guys always seem to rise to the occasion," Denny Neagle said. "He's one of them." A year ago, it was Kevin Brown's turn to break Atlanta's heart.

He had two wins for the Florida Marlins in the NL championship series, including a Game 6 triumph that ended the Braves' season.

"Facing him is not one of the more enviable tasks in the National League," Chipper Jones said. "He's nasty and dominating and as tough a competitor as anybody there is." Now, Brown and Leyritz are teammates for the San Diego Padres, who will meet Atlanta in the NLCS that begins tonight at Turner Field.

If the Braves are the favorite based on their 106 regular-season wins and seven straight postseason appearances, the combined karma of Brown and Leyritz might be enough to even things up for the Padres.

Neagle was the starting pitcher on that night two years ago when the Braves seemed poised to win their second straight World Series.

Leading two games to one, Atlanta built a 6-0 lead in Game 4.

The Yankees cut the margin in half before Leyritz tied it up with a three-run homer in the eighth against Mark Wohlers. New York won 8-6 in 10 innings and took the next two games as well to capture the championship.

"Obviously, he's been a thorn in the side around here, probably more so than anywhere else," Neagle said. "Well, I take that back. I'm sure he's ringing in the ears of a lot of Houston Astros fans right now. He's been unbelievable." Leyritz added to his postseason lore in the division series victory over Houston, homering

three times in four games. Among his victims: Randy Johnson and Billy Wagner.

"Wohlers is in some pretty good company," said John Smoltz, who'll start Game 1 for the Braves, followed by Tom Glavine and Greg Maddux.

Andrew Jones might have been remembered as the star of the 1996 World Series, homering in his first two at-bats at Yankee Stadium as a teen-ager. But Leyritz stole the spotlight.

"I don't have bad memories about that," Jones said, shrugging his shoulders. "It's over with. It's in the past." Brown is expected to pitch Game 1 on three days rest, which would allow him to go three times against the Braves should the series go to the seven-game distance.

"I think this whole series hinges on whether we beat Kevin Brown or not," said Chipper Jones, taking solace that the Braves hit well against the right-hander in last year's NLCS - begins tonight at Turner Field.

**AL CHAMPIONSHIP SERIES**  
Tuesday, Oct. 6: Cleveland (Night 12-10) at New York (Night 10-4), 8:08 p.m.  
Wednesday, Oct. 7: Cleveland (Night 11-10) at New York (Night 10-7), 4:08 p.m.  
Friday, Oct. 9: New York (Postgame 14-11) at Cleveland (Night 14-9), 8:08 p.m.  
Saturday, Oct. 10: New York (Postgame 12-4) at Cleveland (Postgame 10-8), 7:38 p.m.  
Sunday, Oct. 11: New York at Cleveland, 4:08 p.m., if necessary  
Tuesday, Oct. 13: Cleveland at New York, 8:08 p.m., if necessary  
Wednesday, Oct. 14: Cleveland at New York, 8:08 p.m., if necessary

**NL CHAMPIONSHIP SERIES**  
Wednesday, Oct. 7: San Diego (Brown 18-7 or Jeter 17-9) at Atlanta (Smoltz 17-3), 8:15 p.m.  
Thursday, Oct. 8: San Diego at Atlanta, 8:15 p.m.  
Saturday, Oct. 10: Atlanta at San Diego, 4:15 p.m.  
Sunday, Oct. 11: Atlanta at San Diego, 7:45 p.m.  
Monday, Oct. 12: Atlanta at San Diego, 8:10 p.m., if necessary  
Wednesday, Oct. 14: San Diego at Atlanta, 8:20 p.m., if necessary  
Thursday, Oct. 15: San Diego at Atlanta, 8:15 p.m., if necessary  
(All times EST)

16 hits and seven runs in 15 innings - even though he won twice.

This season, Brown won his only start against Atlanta, allowing no runs in 6 1-3 innings with nine strikeouts.

Despite the impending arrival of Brown and Leyritz, the Braves were in a relaxed mood Monday before a one-hour workout. They munched on doughnuts and sat around the clubhouse watching "Judge Judy" dispense television justice.

Manager Bobby Cox will use a four-man rotation against the Padres, going with 16-game winner Neagle in Game 4. The left-hander was bothered by bursitis in the final weeks of the season and didn't pitch at all in the division series.

"Obviously, I've had enough rest," said Neagle, who hasn't pitched since a relief stint on Sept. 26, the next-to-last day of the regular season. "I don't feel I'm the type of pitcher who should be rusty after not pitching for 10 days. In this situation, the shoulder needed the rest anyway." Cox doesn't plan any changes to his 25-man roster.

Forty-three-year-old Dennis Martinez and 20-year-old rookie Odalis Perez will remain in the bullpen, and Marty Malloy will be carried as a spare infielder because of lingering concerns about the health of second baseman Keith Lockhart and shortstop Walt Weiss.

The Braves failed to sell out one of their first-round games against the Cubs and, as of Monday, more than 5,000 tickets remained for all NLCS games at Turner Field.

After watching some 65,000 people turn out for both division series games in San Diego, Smoltz hopes the fans of Atlanta will take notice.

"I hope they understand how hard it's going to be," he said.

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Copenhagen 12/11  
Amsterdam 11/9  
London 12/6  
Berlin 14/12  
Vienna 19/15  
Paris 9/6  
Rome 22/13  
Madrid 15/3  
Athens 28/13  
Antalya 33/16  
Nicosia 32/17

Shown is today's weather. Temperatures are today's highs and tonight's lows.

#### ISRAEL CITIES

	Today	High	Low	High	Low	High	Low	High	Low
Ariel	32/20	32/20	18/4/6	34/20	18/4/6	34/20	18/4/6	34/20	18/4/6
Beit She'an	30/18	30/18	18/4/6	32/18	18/4/6	32/18	18/4/6	32/18	18/4/6
Dead Sea	34/21	34/21	21/7/0	36/21	21/7/0	36/21	21/7/0	36/21	21/7/0
Eilat	36/23	36/23	23/7/3	38/23	23/7/3	38/23	23/7/3	38/23	23/7/3
Haifa	29/28	29/28	20/8/8	31/28	20/8/8	31/28	20/8/8	31/28	20/8/8
Jerusalem	29/17	29/17	17/5/5	31/17	17/5/5	31/17	17/5/5	31/17	17/5/5
Katmon	30/18	30/18	18/4/6	32/18	18/4/6	32/18	18/4/6	32/18	18/4/6
Netanya	29/24	29/24	20/6/6	31/24	20/6/6	31/24	20/6/6	31/24	20/6/6
Tel Aviv	30/20	30/20	20/6/6	32/20	20/6/6	32/20	20/6/6	32/20	20/6/6
Tiberias	33/21	33/21	18/4/6	35/21	18/4/6	35/21	18/4/6	35/21	18/4/6

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#### INTERNATIONAL CITIES

	Today	High	Low	High	Low	High	Low
Amsterdam	11/52	9/48	12/53	9/48	15/56	7/44	11/52
Beijing	25/77	17/62	28/84	17/62	29/73	17/62	25/77
Berlin	14/57	12/53	21/70	13/55	18/64	11/52	14/57
Brussels	11/50	9/46	11/52	8/48	16/61	9/46	11/50
Calcutta	31/88	20/68	33/91	20/68	33/91	20/68	31/88
Chicago	18/54	7/44	14/57	6/43	18/54	9/46	18/54
Frankfurt	15/59	13/55	21/70	13/55	19/66	10/50	15/59
Hong Kong	31/88	25/77	31/88	25/77	31/88	25/77	31/88
Johannesburg	22/71	15/58	16/61	12/58	26/70	14/52	22/71
London	14/57	12/53	21/70	13/55	18/64	11/52	14/57
Los Angeles	30/80	12/53	29/84	14/57	29/82	12/53	30/80
Madrid	15/59	3/37	15/59	3/37	21/70	9/46	15/59
Mexico City	23/73	14/57	21/70	12/53	23/73	12/53	23/73
Montreal	19/56	12/53	14/57	8/48	16/61	7/44	19/56
Moscow	1/34	-3/27	6/43	3/37	15/59	11/52	1/34
New York	19/56	13/55	22/71	13/55	19/54	12/53	19/56
Paris	9/48	6/43	7/44	6/43	16/61	7/44	9/48
Prague	10/61	12/53	18/64	12/53	17/62	9/46	10/61
Rio de Janeiro	23/73	22/71	27/80	21/70	27/79	21/70	23/73
Rome	22/71	13/55	21/70	14/57	23/73	15/58	22/71
Sydney	17/62	7/44	15/59	6/43	18/64	11/52	17/62
Tokyo	23/73	18/66	27/80	22/71	24/75	18/66	23/73
Toronto	20/68	12/53	14/57	3/37	17/62	7/44	20/68
Vienna	14/57	12/53	14/57	3/37	19/56	13/55	14/57
Winnipeg	13/55	7/44	16/61	13/55	20/68	12/53	13/55
Washington	22/71	14/57	22/71	13/55	21/70	12/53	22/71
Zurich	12/53	9/48	13/55	7/44	14/57	9/46	12/53

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Portland 50/64  
Denver 24/73  
Phoenix 30/80  
Las Vegas 30/80  
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